

Easing of Covid-Related Restrictions – Canberra Meeting House

12 November 2021

We are happy to be enjoying relaxed restrictions and we will be able to see each other more freely, while continuing to be caring of each other's health and wellbeing. We will be able now to have more Friends meeting together at the Meeting House for Meeting for Worship and other gatherings.

You will be aware that there has been a change to the Public Health Directions from 12 November.

The main change for us is that **we can have more people in each room of the Meeting House.**

- In the Meeting Room we can now have 26 people plus 3 in the foyer to the Meeting Room. If we happen to have more than that, Friends could overflow into the Woolman Room.
- The ACT Government **strongly encourages mask wearing** in places of worship and we strongly encourage this. If we have contact with children in a Quaker context, we need to wear a mask.
- Thanks to the hosting roster, we are now serving tea and coffee after 10:30am Meeting for Worship

The other practices which we have already been following continue:

- **Using the Check In CBR app to check in. Paper records are no longer acceptable to the ACT Government.** Friends who can't check themselves in can give their details to the Covid Carer at the Meeting House. People can also access a special card which the Covid Carer may be able to scan (<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/stay-safe-and-healthy/check-in-cbr-app/check-in-cbr-app-form>).
- Staying home if unwell
- Sanitising hands
- Keeping distance from others
- Friends attending to be double vaccinated, unless a medical reason prevents this.

Childcare in the ACT requires that carers be double vaccinated and wear masks - the Children's Committee will review conditions for the Children's Meeting at the Meeting House in February, with view to recommencing after that.

Friends, these changes have all been challenging. We move forward together with kindness and thoughtfulness, glad that we now have more opportunities to be together.

For more information contact the Clerk of the Meeting:

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