



Children's Court of New South Wales

PUBLIC NOTICE IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC No. 8

Fitted Face Coverings (Face Masks)

5 January 2021

The Children's Court continues to monitor the advice of health authorities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consistent with the general intent of the *Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings) Order 2021* (the Public Health Order) the following arrangements are to apply in the Children's Court from 11 January 2021 until further notice.

Children's Courts in the Greater Sydney Region

1. Face masks should be worn in any indoor public waiting area of the court house unless a person is exempt from wearing a face mask under the Public Health Order.
2. Participants in any court proceedings may and are encouraged to wear a face mask in the court room unless the judicial officer hearing the case determines otherwise.
3. Participants in any dispute resolution conference under the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998* or a conference under the *Education Act 1990* facilitated by a Children's Registrar may be required to wear a face mask when attending a conference in person if the Children's Registrar determines this is appropriate to ensure the safety of all persons participating in the conference.
4. For the purposes of this Notice these arrangements are to apply in relation to Children's Court proceedings in the following Children's Courts;
 - Parramatta Children's Court
 - Surry Hills Children's Court
 - Campbelltown Children's Court
 - Windsor Children's Court
 - Katoomba Children's Court
 - Port Kembla Children's Court

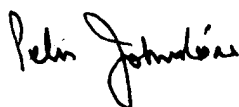
- Woy Woy Children's Court
- Wyong Children's Court

Other Children's Courts

5. Participants involved in Children's Court proceedings in other locations are encouraged to wear a mask in indoor public waiting areas.
6. Face masks may be worn in a courtroom unless the judicial officer determines otherwise.

General

7. All other arrangements specified in earlier Public Notices issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to operate.
8. Please note that these arrangements are subject to change at short notice.



Judge Peter Johnstone

President of the Children's Court of NSW