



**NEW SOUTH WALES
COURT SECURITY ACT 2005
– Section 7**

ORDER

In accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the *Court Security Act 2005* and in recognition of public health advice intended to reduce exposure to COVID-19, it is necessary to secure the order and safety of court premises.

ACCORDINGLY I ORDER that members of the public who do not have a legitimate reason associated with a particular matter listed before the Local Court of New South Wales, or in relation to the exercise of the jurisdiction of the Local Court, not be admitted to any part of Local Court premises.

Defendants, witnesses, persons in need of protection, and victims of crime may bring up to two support persons to court.

All persons attending, including support person(s), must:

- i. Wear a fitted face covering or mask; and
- ii. Maintain a distance of 1.5m from other court-users

To ensure the safety of all, entrants must wear a fitted face covering or mask as a condition of entry to Local Court premises. Where a participant seeks an exemption to this Order, in so far as it relates to fitted face coverings or masks, they must provide evidence of a physical or mental health illness or condition, or disability, that makes wearing a fitted face covering unsuitable. The simple assertion of such an exemption will not suffice. Where the exemption sought is based on medical grounds, written support from a medical or other relevant practitioner, or a statutory declaration specifying the physical or mental illness or condition, will be required.

This Order will remain in effect on and from today at 5.00pm until Monday 11 April 2022 at 5.00pm. This Order may be extended in accordance with Section 7 of the Act if the circumstances continue to make it necessary to secure order and safety within court premises.

This Order does not preclude an excluded party from making an application to the coordinating magistrate to be permitted access to the Local Court. Any applications must provide reasons and will only be granted where the coordinating magistrate is of the opinion that the applicant's need for access can be appropriately balanced against the prevailing need to secure the order and safety of this Court.

DATED AT SYDNEY THIS 14TH DAY OF MARCH 2022


Judge Peter Johnstone
Chief Magistrate

