The Premier announced a series of new restrictions that will be enforceable from 4:00pm today and apply to the Metropolitan Sydney area for one week.

These restrictions apply to the following District Court locations only:

- Campbelltown
- Downing Centre
- Gosford
- Katoomba
- Parramatta
- Penrith
- Sydney
- Wollongong

## **Face Masks**

Masks will be compulsory throughout the court buildings in the District Court locations listed above. Masks should be worn in all areas. Everyone in a courtroom must wear a mask, unless:

- The person concerned is an active participant in the proceedings namely the presiding judge, a practitioner who is responsible for presenting the case in court or a witness giving evidence;
- b. One of the exemptions stated in the Public Health Order applies; or
- c. At the discretion of the presiding judge.

4 Square Metre Rule will be strictly in operation at the above court locations.

It will be necessary in the criminal jurisdiction **in the District Court locations listed above** to revert back to the two court room empanelment process until restrictions are lifted. It will also be necessary to be mindful of the court room maximum persons limit.

## <u>Lifts</u>

During the restricted period it will be necessary for the affected courts to revert back to the relevant person(s) capacity in a lift at any one time.