

6.4. MM04: COVID Pandemic Response

On Friday 20 August 2021, the Premier announced a further extension of the lockdown until the end of September. Since the lockdown initially commenced on 26 June 2021, there have been multiple changes to the Public Health Orders in line with the emerging response to the escalation of Covid 19 cases.

Since Covid 19 started to impact on all our lives in early March 2020, North Sydney Council has demonstrated agility in responding to the changing situation. North Sydney Council has ensured that essential services are maintained and continued to provide services to the community as well as providing local support to other agencies in the pandemic response.

Over the past six weeks, Councillors' abilities to attend Council in person has been restricted as a result of the Health Orders. Nevertheless, the organisation has continued to alter its operations consistent with the Health Orders in order to continue to provide services and support the community.

In order to ensure the elected Council remains informed:

I therefore recommend:

1.THAT the General Manager be asked to provide a verbal update to the meeting outlining Council's operational response to the emerging pandemic environment.

**COUNCILLOR JILLY GIBSON
MAYOR**