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Information for road and rail freight operators on gathering and movement

This factsheet provides information to road and rail freight operators in light of the *Public Health (COVID-19 Gathering and Movement) Order 2020*, issued by the NSW Minister for Health and Medical Research.

The Order requires people in NSW to remain at home unless they have a reasonable excuse such as travelling to work if they can't work from home. Transportation and related services are considered "essential gatherings" under the Order.

No specific restrictions have been placed on freight and logistics businesses, but all operators should still take steps to manage the risk of Coronavirus to workers and others in the work environment, comply with all national and state public health directions and follow [NSW Health guidelines](#) for hygiene practices and social distancing requirements.

What about confined workspaces which need more than one person to meet legislated safety requirements?

We understand that in some confined workspaces, such as the cab of a smaller heavy vehicle or rail crew area, two people may need to share a confined workspace to meet safety requirements, including fatigue management. In this situation, workers should keep as much distance as possible while still practicing other hygiene guidelines by NSW Health.

Will heavy vehicle drivers still be able to access rest stop facilities, including in-house dining?

Yes. Drivers and the passengers of heavy vehicles purchasing food and beverage from premises at a truck stop may consume these on-site. Any person other than truck drivers or their passengers must consume food and beverages off the premises. There are no restrictions relating to the use of on-site amenities.

A list of truck stops has been published by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and can be found here:

<https://nhvr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=eb63f81247844052aaad2f71fe31792c>