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Dear Religious Leaders

Multicultural NSW understands the effects restrictions on religious gatherings and places of worship have had on our religious and faith communities.

We thank you for your ongoing and sustained leadership in communicating and complying with health advice to prevent COVID-19 transmission at religious gatherings and places of worship.

I know that Minister Lee, acting NSW Minister for Multiculturalism, has continued to make representations on your behalf to the NSW Health Minister on this matter.

As of Friday 23 October, up to 300 people can now attend religious gatherings at places of worship, subject to a COVID-19 Safety Plan.

Religious gatherings exclude weddings and funerals. However, from 1 December, the number of people who can attend weddings will be lifted to 300 people subject to the four square metre rule indoors and two square metre rule outdoors.

All places of worship are expected to continue complying with COVID-19 safety plans.

I urge you to continue exercising extreme caution when it comes to gatherings at your places of worship and to continue encouraging worshippers to comply with current health advice, including encouraging wearing a mask at places of worship.

I would like to thank you for your leadership and concerted efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer