

The guidelines released that apply to our gatherings are given below:

Transcript from the Press Conference - Australian Parliament House - Prime Minister Scott Morrison (24 March 2020)

"Visits to your premises, to your house, your residence, should be kept to a minimum and with very small numbers of guests. We don't want to be overly specific about that. We want Australians to exercise their common sense. So that means barbecues of lots of friends or even family, extended family coming together to celebrate one year old birthday parties, and all these sorts of things, we can't do those things now.

These will be significant sacrifices, I know. We've all been to those events as extended families and gatherings, and gathering together in that way, even around the large family table in the family home, when all the siblings get together and bring the kids, these are not things we can do now. All of these things present risks and they obviously present these risks to the elderly members of our families as well, who we need to protect.

House parties - where someone wants to now have social event not at clubs and venues like that, but to organise a party at someone's home, the states and territories will particularly be looking at that one and be considering whether they will put specific measures in place that could lead to that being an offence for those types of events.

Outdoors - do not congregate together in groups. Now, the medical experts panel have made suggestions about how that can be managed. It's very difficult to put a number on it. But the point about it is this - if you're gathering together in a group, say 10 people together outside in a group, that's not OK.

The point is that you should only be going outside of your home to go to those essential things that I've talked about, not to go out and congregate together in groups. We need you to stop doing that. That is not going to help. If we do all of these things then we are going to be able to put greater pressure on slowing the rate of the spread of this virus."

Latest information from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPCC) - who advise the National Cabinet, published today 25 March 2020

- AHPCC recommend a strong general statement for people to stay at home when not engaged in employment, necessary shopping or individual outdoor exercise.
- This includes indoor gatherings/organized meetings such as study groups.
- A strong recommendation to limit unnecessary visitors to private homes, including private events in homes.
- Implementation of the 1 person per 4 square metre rule in all shops and businesses remaining open
- Clarification that places of worship should be closed.
- The cessation of outdoor gatherings, with a limit of no more than 10 persons in a related group or gathering.