

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## Passengers reminded face masks are still mandatory at airports

Aviation passengers are being reminded they must continue to wear a face mask at the airport and onboard the aircraft despite the mandatory mask requirement being removed in most New South Wales venues.

Australian Airports Association (AAA) Chief Executive James Goodwin said face masks were still required in the airport terminal, on aircraft and on public transport.

"We know those living in New South Wales are excited about life getting back to normal and having most COVID requirements removed today but travellers need to be reminded that this does not include airports," Mr Goodwin said.

"We've received reports today of some travellers arriving at the terminal without a mask. If you are taking to the skies, you need to make sure you come prepared.

"Air travel throughout the pandemic has changed. You still need to wear a mask, you may require a border permit depending on what state or territory you're flying to, you may need to have a PCR test and you could be asked to show your vaccination certificate.

"We know opening up and living with the virus may be stressful for some people and that there could be some initial anxiety around travel but it's important any frustrations around the rules are not taken out on airport staff who are working harder than ever to ensure the safety of the travelling public.

"As we move into a post-COVID Australia, I remind passengers to do their homework before arriving at the airport to ensure they have a smooth journey to their destination."

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