

# COVID-19 Restriction Updates

17 June 2021

All Victorian Businesses are required to have a COVIDSafe Plan. Need help? Visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au) or call the Business Hotline 13 22 15  
Do you need support? For more information on testing and support payments, visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au) or call 1800 675 398

# Agenda

1. COVID-19 restriction updates
2. Restrictions by industry sector
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# The Victorian Government has announced the further easing of COVID-19 restrictions from 11.59pm Thursday 17 June.

- The 25km travel limit will be removed and travel between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria will resume.
- Masks will continue to be required indoors but they are no longer required outdoors – however they'll still be recommended when you can't maintain physical distancing.
- Hospitality venues can have up to 25 patrons before the density quotient applies.
- Gyms can open **across Melbourne**, with density limits and COVIDSafe Plans in place.
- Hair and beauty services can now operate without masks during service.
- **Melbournians** travelling to the snow this season are required to get a COVID-19 test within 72 hours of departing for Victoria's alpine resorts, and a negative result.
- If you can work from home, you should continue to work from home.
- Twenty people can gather outside **in Melbourne**, and 50 in **regional Victoria**.

	Regional Victoria (Changes in green)	Metropolitan Melbourne (Changes in green)
<b>Social gatherings, visitors and leaving home</b>	<b>Stay at home requirement:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No stay at home requirement</li> </ul> <b>Intra-state travel limit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Movement between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria unrestricted</li> </ul>	<b>Stay at home requirement:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No stay at home requirement</li> </ul> <b>Intra-state travel limit:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removal of 25km travel limit</li> <li>Movement between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria is unrestricted</li> <li>Travel to regional Victorian Alpine Resorts permitted providing visitors have had a COVID test within 72 hours of departing Melbourne. Children under 2 years not included. Must be able to show evidence of a negative test as condition of entry into ski field</li> </ul>
	<b>Face coverings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be carried at all times</li> <li>Must be worn indoors except if at home, or if an exception applies</li> <li>Recommended to be worn outdoors where 1.5 metres physical distancing cannot be maintained</li> </ul>	<b>Face coverings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be carried at all times</li> <li>Must be worn indoors except if at home, or if an exception applies</li> <li>Recommended to be worn outdoors where 1.5 metres physical distancing cannot be maintained</li> </ul>
	<b>Private gatherings in the home:</b> Limited to five adults per day together or separately (dependants of visiting adults excluded from cap)	<b>Private gatherings in the home:</b> Limited to two adults per day together or separately (dependants of visiting adults excluded from cap)
	<b>Public gatherings:</b> Permitted for up to 50 people	<b>Public gatherings:</b> Permitted for up to 20 people
	<b>Work:</b> If you can work from home, you should continue to work from home. Office work – 75 per cent return or up to 30 people if total workplace is 40 or less	<b>Work:</b> If you can work from home, you should continue to work from home. Office work – 50 per cent return or up to 20 people if total workplace is 40 or less
<b>Education and childcare</b>	<b>Early learning centres, childcare, kinder, family day care:</b> Open	<b>Early learning centres, childcare, kinder, family day care:</b> Open
	<b>Schools:</b> Open	<b>Schools:</b> Open
	<b>Higher education and training:</b> If you can study from home, you should continue to study from home	<b>Higher education and training:</b> If you can study from home, you should continue to study from home

Note: Cleaning, signage, record keeping, and other COVIDSafe requirements continue to apply for all venues and facilities with onsite operations as per the Workplace Directions. The Density Quotient (DQ) applies to all venues and spaces that are accessible to the public (and in closed workplaces, to shared spaces such as lunchrooms). Restrictions apply based on location and no longer follow a person if they travel between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria.

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<b>Ceremonies and Religious Gatherings</b>	<b>Religious gatherings and ceremonies:</b> Permitted for up to <b>300 people</b> per venue, density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm applies	<b>Religious gatherings and ceremonies:</b> Permitted for up to <b>150 people</b> per venue, including no more than <b>75 indoors</b> , density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm applies
<b>Funerals</b>	<b>Funerals (indoors and outdoors):</b> Permitted with <b>100 people</b> (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap	<b>Funerals (indoors and outdoors):</b> Permitted with <b>75 people</b> (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap
<b>Weddings</b>	<b>Weddings (indoor and outdoor):</b> Permitted with no more than <b>50 people</b> (including the two persons being married, celebrant, two witnesses). Dancefloors not permitted	<b>Weddings (indoor and outdoor):</b> Permitted with no more than <b>20 people</b> (including the two persons being married, celebrant, two witnesses). Dancefloors not permitted
<b>Physical recreation &amp; sport, including swimming pools, play centres, skateparks, trampolining centres</b>	<p><b>Physical recreation &amp; sport:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open</li> <li>• Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm</li> <li>• Maximum venue capacity <b>300</b> per indoor space and outdoor patron cap of <b>1000 people</b></li> <li>• Maximum group size: 50 people indoors</li> </ul> <p><b>Community sport</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open for all ages, training and competition</li> <li>• Limited to minimum number of people required to participate in and facilitate the activity and must be within venue limits above</li> <li>• Spectators allowed within venue limits</li> </ul>	<p><b>Physical recreation &amp; sport:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Open</b></li> <li>• Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm</li> <li>• Maximum venue capacity 150, <b>including no more than 50 indoors</b></li> <li>• No venue limit if 100m distance can be maintained between groups outdoors (e.g. golf).</li> <li>• Maximum group size: 10 people indoors, 20 outdoors</li> </ul> <p><b>Community sport</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Open for all ages, training and competition</b></li> <li>• Limited to minimum number of people required to participate in and facilitate the activity (i.e. players, coaches) and must be within venue limits above <b>for indoor sports</b></li> <li>• <b>Spectators not allowed (excludes people necessary for events such as teachers, instructors, trainers, coaches, umpires, carers, parents and guardians)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Community facilities</b>	<p><b>Community facilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open with a density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm</li> <li>• Maximum venue capacity <b>300 people</b></li> <li>• Maximum group size: 50 people</li> </ul> <p>Venues less than 600sqm can operate with lesser of density quotient of 1 person per 2 or venue cap of 150 patrons provided they have a COVID Marshal at the entrance to confirm 'green tick' check in before entry</p>	<p><b>Community facilities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open with a density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm</li> <li>• Maximum venue capacity <b>150 people</b>, including no more than <b>75 people</b> indoors. Maximum group size: 10 people</li> </ul>
<b>Creative Studios</b>	<p><b>Creative studios:</b> Open. A maximum patron cap of <b>300 per venue</b>. Group sizes to a maximum of 50 people. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies.</p> <p>Venues less than 600sqm can operate with lesser of DQ 2 or venue cap of 150 patrons provided they have a COVID Marshal at the entrance to confirm 'green tick' check in before entry</p>	<p><b>Creative studios:</b> Open. A maximum patron cap of <b>150</b> per venue, including no more than <b>75 people</b> indoors. Group sizes to a maximum of 10 people. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies</p>



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<b>Entertainment and Leisure</b>	<b>Indoor fixed seated entertainment:</b> Open up to 50% of seated capacity up to a maximum of 300 people per space. Group limit of 50 people. Density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm applies	<b>Indoor fixed seated entertainment:</b> Open up to 50% of seated capacity up to a maximum of 75 people per venue. Group limit of 10 people. Density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm applies
	<b>Outdoor fixed seated entertainment:</b> Open up to 75% of seated capacity up to a maximum of 1000 people per venue. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies	<b>Outdoor fixed seated entertainment:</b> Open up to 50% of seated capacity up to a maximum of 150 people per venue. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies
	<b>Indoor non-seated entertainment venues:</b> Open to a maximum of 300 people per space. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies	<b>Indoor non-seated entertainment venues:</b> Open to a maximum of 75 people per venue. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies
	<b>Outdoor non-seated venues:</b> Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies. Group sizes to a maximum of 50 people. No more than 1000 per space (e.g. amphitheatre)	<b>Outdoor non-seated venues:</b> Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies. Group sizes to a maximum of 20 people. No more than 1000 per space (e.g. amphitheatre)
	<b>Arcades, escape rooms, bingo centres:</b> Open to a maximum of 300 people per venue. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies	<b>Arcades, escape rooms, bingo centres:</b> Open to a maximum of 50 people per venue. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies
	<b>Drive-in cinemas:</b> A maximum patron cap of 300 per venue. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies	<b>Drive-in cinemas:</b> A maximum patron cap of 150 per venue (stay in vehicles), including no more than 75 people indoors in shared spaces. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies
	<b>Amusement parks:</b> Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies. Group sizes to a maximum of 50 people	<b>Amusement parks:</b> Open with no outdoor venue limit, but no more than 75 indoors. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies up to 1000 people per space. Maximum group size of 10 people indoors and 20 people outdoors
	<b>Casinos:</b> None	<b>Casinos:</b> Open with 10 exclusive rooms, electronic gaming machines and electronic gaming tables only. Maximum of 10 machines per room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subject to density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm</li> <li>• Every second machine closed or 1.5m between machines</li> </ul>
	<b>Retail betting venues:</b> Open to a maximum of 300 people per venue. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies	<b>Retail betting venues:</b> Open to a maximum of 150 people per venue, no more than 75 indoors. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies
	<b>Electronic gaming:</b> Open to a maximum of 300 people per venue. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies. Every second machine closed or 1.5m between machines	<b>Electronic gaming:</b> Open to a maximum of 50 people per venue. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies. Every second machine closed or 1.5m between machines
	<b>Sex on premises, brothels and sexually explicit venues:</b> Open to a maximum of 300 people per venue. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies	<b>Sex on premises, brothels and sexually explicit venues:</b> Open to a maximum of 50 people indoors. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies
<b>Karaoke and Nightclubs:</b> Open for seated service, to a maximum of 300 people indoors, subject to density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm. Dancefloors not permitted	<b>Karaoke and Nightclubs:</b> Open for seated service, to a maximum of 50 people indoors, subject to density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm. Dancefloors not permitted	

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<b>General retail</b>	<p><b>All retail:</b> Open. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies</p> <p><b>Auction houses:</b> No patron cap, density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm</p>	<p><b>All retail:</b> Open. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies</p> <p><b>Auction houses:</b> A maximum patron cap of 150 people per venue, including up to 75 indoors</p>
<b>Hairdressing, beauty, personal care</b>	<p><b>Hairdressing, beauty, personal care:</b> Open. Can remove mask for services. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies</p>	<p><b>Hairdressing, beauty, personal care:</b> Open. Can remove mask for services. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies</p>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<p><b>Food and drink facilities, food courts:</b> Open for seated service only with a maximum patron cap of 300 people per venue. Group sizes to a maximum of 50. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies</p> <p>Venues less than 600sqm can operate with lesser of DQ 2 or venue cap of 150 patrons provided they have a COVID Marshal at the entrance to confirm 'green tick' check in before entry. Venues can have up to 25 patrons before the density quotient applies</p> <p>Food courts are open up a limit of 300 patrons in a single food court with a density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm</p>	<p><b>Food and drink facilities, food courts:</b> Open for seated service only with a maximum patron cap of 150 per venue, no more than 75 indoors. Group sizes to a maximum of 10. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies. Venues can have up to 25 patrons before the density quotient applies</p>
<b>Accommodation</b>	<p><b>Accommodation:</b> Open. Bookings permitted for single households plus five adults (plus their dependants)</p>	<p><b>Accommodation:</b> Open. Bookings permitted for single households plus two adults (plus their dependants)</p>
<b>Real Estate Services</b>	<p><b>Inspections and auctions:</b> Auctions permitted subject to density quotient. Inspections permitted, subject to density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm</p>	<p><b>Inspections and auctions:</b> Auctions permitted with a maximum patron cap of 50 people outdoors. Inspections permitted to a maximum of 10 people, subject to density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm</p>
<b>Tours and transport</b>	<p><b>Tours:</b> Indoors maximum tour size 50 patrons. Outdoors no cap on patrons, with group booking limit of 50 patrons. Operated only by minimum number of people required</p> <p><b>Tour transport:</b> Limit of 50 people per vehicle</p>	<p><b>Tours:</b> Indoors maximum tour size 10 patrons. Outdoors maximum tour size 50 patrons, with group booking limit of 20 patrons. Operated only by minimum number of people required</p> <p><b>Tour transport:</b> Limit of 10 people per vehicle</p>
<b>Care Facility Visitors</b>	<p><b>Visitor restrictions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No visitors are permitted into aged care or other residential facility settings, except for end-of-life reasons and other excepted reasons such as essential care and support</li> <li>Visit from a prospective resident is permitted with no more than one person accompanying</li> <li>Non-essential contractors are restricted from entry</li> </ul>	<p><b>Visitor restrictions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No visitors are permitted into aged care or other residential facility settings, except for end-of-life reasons and other excepted reasons such as essential care and support</li> <li>Visit from a prospective resident is permitted with no more than one person accompanying</li> <li>Non-essential contractors are restricted from entry</li> </ul>
<b>Hospital Visitors</b>	<p><b>Visitors restrictions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No visitors are permitted into health care settings, except for end-of-life reasons, as a support partner for birth, or a parent to accompany a child</li> <li>Non-essential contractors are restricted from entry</li> </ul>	<p><b>Visitors restrictions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No visitors are permitted into health care settings, except for end-of-life reasons, as a support partner for birth, or a parent to accompany a child</li> <li>Non-essential contractors are restricted from entry</li> </ul>

# Victorian Government QR Code Service

- All businesses are now required to use the [Victorian Government QR Code Service](#), unless an exemption applies.
- For customer-facing venues and workplaces, such as hospitality venues and retail, it is mandatory to use the Victorian Government QR Code Service.
- For businesses that have not previously been mandated to use the Victorian Government QR Code Service prior to 11:59pm, Thursday 10 June 2021 an enforcement amnesty is in place until 11.59pm, Thursday 1 July. The enforcement amnesty for **retailers ended 17 June 2021**.
- Businesses that do not comply with Victoria's [record keeping requirements](#) will risk fines.
- Businesses must ensure that every customer and visitor has checked-in, no matter how long they are at the premises.
- Businesses can check in guests who don't have a smartphone via the **Kiosk check-in function**.
- Checking is the best way to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

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# Support for businesses

There are a number of support programs available to businesses that have been impacted by the restrictions:

- The [Circuit Breaker Business Support Package](#) provides support to employing and non-employing businesses. Applications are now open for the [Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two](#) and [Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021](#).
- The [Regional Tourism Support Package](#) provides direct assistance to tourism businesses, including accommodation providers, attractions and experiences.
- The [Victorian Events Support Package](#) provides support to event organisers, hosts and suppliers. Applications will open soon.
- Sole traders not registered for GST should check if they are eligible for the Australian Government's COVID-19 Disaster Payment for people affected by restrictions, announced on 4 June. For more information, please visit [Services Australia](#)

# Getting tested

- Make sure all your workers know to get tested if they have any of the following symptoms: fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose and loss or change in sense of smell or taste.
- After their test, they must go home immediately and stay there until they receive the result.
- If you are feeling unwell do not go to work. Anyone with symptoms should get tested immediately.
- The list of testing sites includes wait times.
- If you are worried you will lose pay while you wait for your results you may be eligible for a COVID-19 Test Isolation Payment.

# Get vaccinated - don't wait until it's too late

- All Victorians over the age of 40 are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.
- The vaccine:
  - reduces your risk of getting sick
  - protects you against becoming very sick if you do get COVID-19
  - helps to protect your friends, family and community.
- Support your workers to get vaccinated. Appointments can be booked via: [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine).
- The vaccines being used in Australia are safe and very effective at preventing serious illness and loss of life due to COVID-19.
- Workplace COVIDSafe practices continue to be vital, even if people in your workplace have been vaccinated.

# Business information

## Update your COVIDSafe Plan

- Every business with on-site operations must have a [COVIDSafe Plan](#). They help you reduce the risk of COVID-19 in your workplace.
- Your COVIDSafe Plan is a list of safety actions. It should be reviewed and updated regularly and discussed with your workers.

## Supporting collateral

- We have posters and signage that remind workers and customers of what they need to do to be COVIDSafe.
- We also have factsheets on good hygiene, cleaning and sanitising and resources that help you respond to restriction changes.
- Visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/signs-posters-and-templates](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/signs-posters-and-templates) to download the latest signage.

# More information

[Acting Premier's statement – Wednesday 16 June](#)

[Restrictions table from 11.59pm Thursday 17 June](#)

[COVIDSafe Settings](#)

[Business Support Packages](#)

[COVIDSafe Plan](#)

Call the Business Victoria Hotline on 13 22 15

Industry questions can be emailed to: [icc@ecodev.vic.gov.au](mailto:icc@ecodev.vic.gov.au)