

STATEWIDE RESTRICTIONS FROM 1.00PM SATURDAY 21 AUGUST 2021



Note: Cleaning, signage, record keeping, and other COVIDSafe requirements continue to apply for all venues and facilities with onsite operations as per 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).

	Statewide (Changes to Metropolitan Melbourne settings in yellow . Settings apply across the state.)
Social gatherings, visitors and leaving home	<p>Curfew in Metropolitan Melbourne only: From 9pm to 5am, a person is not permitted to leave their home except for limited reasons</p> <p>Stay at home unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> shopping for necessary goods and services (one person per household, once per day, a support person can accompany if required) caregiving or compassionate reasons authorised work or permitted education, or work interstate exercise (up to two hours, with one other person plus dependants if they cannot be left unattended. The other person can be from another household) receive a COVID-19 vaccination other specified reasons (specific exemptions apply) <p>Intra-state travel: Travel limit of 5km from place of primary residence, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to return home to access necessary goods and services where those goods and services cannot be accessed closer than 5kms from home. to visit an intimate partner to visit a person in your “single bubble” allowed to travel for authorised work and permitted education work at an interstate location (where permitted by another state) care and compassionate reasons (specific exemptions apply)
	<p>Private gatherings: Not permitted, intimate partner visits / single person bubble permitted</p>
	<p>Public gatherings: Not permitted</p>
	<p>Face coverings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> must be carried at all times must be worn indoors and outdoors by Victorians aged 12 years or over except if at home, or when visiting an intimate partner’s place of residence or if an exception applies recommend primary school age children wear masks indoors and outdoors, except at home or if an exception applies exception for food and drink limited so that face coverings can only be removed to eat and to drink non-alcoholic beverages
	<p>Work: If you can work from home, you must work from home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Authorised workplaces and workers are permitted to attend onsite work Authorised workers are permitted to travel to and from work even when curfew is in place A permit is required when leaving the home for authorised work or permitted higher education

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Education and childcare	Early learning centres, kindergarten, childcare, family day care: Closed but open to vulnerable children, and the children of authorised workers if they cannot be supervised at home.
	Schools: Remote learning for most students but open to vulnerable children, and the children of authorised workers.
	Higher education and training: Closed, remote learning only unless permitted study
Ceremonies and Religious Gatherings	Religious gatherings and ceremonies: No in-person gatherings permitted. Broadcast permitted with maximum five people, must be the same five people each time.
Funerals	Funerals (indoor and outdoor): Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those workers necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap
Weddings	Weddings (indoor and outdoor): Not permitted unless end of life or for deportation reasons. Involves only 5 persons (including the two persons being married, celebrant, two witnesses)
Indoor physical recreation & sport	Closed. Hydrotherapy open for permitted purposes only
Play centres, indoor skateparks, indoor trampolining centres	Closed
Outdoor physical recreation & sport	Closed. Outdoor playgrounds, skateparks, basketball courts and gym equipment closed
Community facilities	Closed. Open for click and collect and essential services only.
Creative Studios	Closed
Entertainment and Leisure	Indoor fixed seated entertainment: Closed
	Outdoor fixed seated entertainment: Closed
	Non-seated indoor venues: Closed
	Non-seated outdoor venues: Closed
	Arcades, escape rooms, bingo centres: Closed
	Drive-in cinemas: Closed
	Amusement parks: Closed
	Casinos: Closed
	Retail betting venue: Closed
	Electronic gaming: Closed
	Karaoke and Nightclubs: Closed
	Sex on premises, brothels and sexually explicit venues: Closed

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Business function facilities and conference centres	Closed
Public events and business events	Events: Cannot proceed under these settings. Exception for professional sport where no crowds are present
General retail	Essential retail: Open, DQ 1 per 4sqm Other/general retail: Closed (open for contactless click and collect only) Auction houses: Closed (open for online only)
Hairdressing, beauty, personal care	Closed
Hospitality	Open for take-away only
Accommodation	Closed unless for permitted reasons, or shelter in place. No new bookings except for authorised reasons
Real Estate Services	Inspections: Closed Auctions: Closed (remote auctions only)
Tours and transport	Tourism spaces: Closed
	Tour transport: Closed
Care Facility Visitors	<p>Visitor restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For permitted purposes only, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide care and support for the resident’s physical and emotional wellbeing (including mental health support and support for people living with dementia) • To support residents under 18 years of age • As a nominated person under the Mental Health Act • To provide interpreter or informal language support • For learning to support the resident’s care upon discharge • To provide end of life support to a resident (this also includes life threatening conditions) • Non-essential contractors are restricted from entry • No more than two visitors per day unless visit is for end-of-life reasons. For end-of-life visits, two visitors are permitted at a time with no maximum daily limit.. • A group may exceed the “two visitors at a time” rule if dependants of a visitor are in the group and care for the dependants cannot be arranged. • Prospective residents not permitted to visit.

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Hospital Visitors

Visitors restrictions:

- For permitted purposes only, including:
 - As a parent, guardian or carer of a child who is a patient in hospital
 - To provide care and support for the resident's physical and emotional wellbeing
 - To support residents under 18 years of age
 - As a nominated person under the Mental Health Act
 - To provide interpreter or informal language support
 - For learning to support the resident's care upon discharge
 - As a carer of a patient with a disability
 - Accompanying someone to the emergency department or outpatient clinic
 - As a partner of a pregnant woman or patient in a maternity ward
 - To provide end of life support to a patient (this also includes life threatening conditions)
- Non-essential contractors are restricted from entry
- No more than two visitors per day unless visit is for end of life reasons. For end-of-life visits, two visitors are permitted at a time with no maximum daily limit. A group may exceed the "two visitors at a time" rule if dependants of a visitor are in the group and care for the dependants cannot be arranged.

AUTHORISED PREMISES AND AUTHORISED WORKER LIST

Authorised Providers

The following businesses can open under restrictions. If their employees are unable to work from home they can leave home to attend work

- a supermarket, grocery store, bakery, butcher, fruit and vegetable store or fishmonger; or
- an indoor or outdoor market, but only to obtain groceries or fresh food; or
- a restaurant, café, food truck, pub, bar or hotel, whether licensed or unlicensed, but only to the extent that:
 - it provides takeaway meals or drinks or a meal delivery service; or
 - it provides food, drink, accommodation or other essential services to those seeking shelter (for example, for reasons of homelessness or family violence); or
- a bottle shop; or
- a financial institution; or
- consular and diplomatic services; or
- court, tribunal or commission services;
- an electorate office;
- Victorian Parliament
- a post office; or
- a news agent; or
- a pharmacy; or
- a petrol station (including a petrol station that sells groceries); or
- vehicle and mechanical repair services; or
- construction, workplace limits as specified in the Workplace (Additional Industry Obligations) Directions; or
- a pet store; or
- a veterinary clinic, and related services (on-farm visits and animal care services) where there is a genuine animal welfare issue, or for the purposes of artificial insemination; or
- services connected with animal health, husbandry or welfare, including the RSPCA; or
- zoos and nature reserves for the purposes of treating or caring for animals, performing an animal rescue function or maintaining the facility/reserve and broadcast; or
- an abattoir, meat, seafood or poultry processing plant; or
- animal saleyards, knackeries and animal transportation services (including livestock and pets); or
- urgent services necessary for the health and safety of any person, animal or premises; or
- immunisation or vaccination services; or
- essential child protection activities; or
- a childcare, early learning centre, kindergarten, preschool or family day care provider; or
- a primary or secondary school; or
- a boarding school; or
- a 'click and collect' service; or
- a locksmith; or
- a community facility (for click and collect only); or
- carparks for the purposes of supporting an Authorised Provider or Authorised Worker; or
- labour hire when servicing an Authorised Provider; or
- laundry and dry cleaners; or
- commercial cleaners in **non-residential premises** when servicing an Authorised Provider for cleaning services that cannot be deferred; or
- Services that operate solely outdoors where physical distancing can be maintained at all times. Solo work only unless additional workers are required for safety reasons.
 - Outdoor maintenance, repairs, cleaning and other building work, including at occupied premises.
 - Home renovations and installations (outdoor only)
 - Home solar panel installations (only for outdoor work or in roof cavities with external access).

Authorised Workers

Any person who performs work that is essential for the continued operation of:

- an Authorised Provider; or
- authorised health services; or
- funerary or mortuary services or related activities; or
- marriage celebrant only if one or both of the two persons being married are at the end of life, or will be deported from Australia unless the marriage takes place; or
- emergency services, including both volunteers and paid workers in:
 - the State Emergency Services; and
 - firefighting services; and
 - paramedical services; and
 - ambulance and paramedics services; and
 - air ambulance and medical retrieval services (including Royal Flying Doctor Service); and
 - Victoria Police employees, Protective Services Officers and police custody officers; and
 - military and defence services deployed for activities in Victoria; or
 - state security or national security; or
- essential infrastructure and essential services that are required to maintain or protect human health, safety and wellbeing (whether provided by a public or private undertaking), and including construction, maintenance and repair of such infrastructure; or
- critical repairs to any premises where required for emergency or safety; or
- faith leaders broadcasting services and ceremonies at places of worship with the minimum number of people required for the broadcast to occur (no more than 5 people) and it must be the same people each time; or
- retail goods workers supporting the operation of click and collect or click and deliver orders; or
- health practitioners, including medical, nursing, midwifery and allied health students on placement, when undertaking critical training and examinations; or
- allied health professionals working in private or public community services, whether clinic-based or home-based, providing essential clinical care where telehealth services are not clinically appropriate;
 - Example: orthotists and prosthetists providing services such as fitting a brace post-surgery.
- maternal and child health workers providing essential care to newborns or at-risk babies and children; or
- a person who is critical to, and involved in, the State's COVID-19 response (including in hotel quarantine and vaccination services); or
- immunisation and vaccination providers including pharmacy immunisers and Aboriginal Healthcare Workers
- roadside assistance services; or
- local government specific services such as:
 - essential environmental health functions that protect the health and wellbeing of the community, and high-risk local law enforcement; or
 - a member of Parliament and up to two staff to ensure minimal functioning of an electorate office; or
 - anyone required to ensure the Victorian Parliament can operate remotely; or
 - anyone required to ensure the functioning of the Commonwealth of Australia Parliament; or
- a member of Parliament or anyone required to ensure the functioning of the Victorian or Commonwealth of Australia Parliaments; or
- domestic and commercial waste and resource recovery services (including collection, treatment and disposal services and transfer stations), including:
 - electricity services; and
 - operation of energy systems; and
 - gas services; and
 - water supply, sewerage and drainage services; and
 - liquid fuels and refinery services; or
- specialised clinical waste workers required for the operation of primary clinical waste incinerators in Victoria; or
- services to support ongoing provision and regulation of electricity, gas, water, sewage and waste and recycling services and their maintenance; or
- Commonwealth agency services, including Australian Border Force and Commonwealth law enforcement and intelligence agency services; or
- Judges, Associate-Judges, Judicial Registrars, Magistrates, Coroners, Tribunal Members and their offices for urgent or priority court or tribunal matters determined by the relevant head of jurisdiction, including for bail, family violence, remand, child protection, warrants and urgent guardianships, human rights or residential tenancies issues or any other priority matters
- To the extent necessary to support the functioning of the court, tribunal and dispute services mentioned above:

- Director of Public Prosecutions and the Office of Public Prosecutions
- Defence lawyers, Victoria Legal Aid, the Child Protection litigation office, Aboriginal legal services and other legal assistance providers
- Courts Services Victoria, court support services and court registry services including security, cleaning and interpreter services
- Other lawyers
- Bail justices
- Office of the Public Advocate guardians for high priority, highly vulnerable citizens and relevant staff
- Justices of the Peace only as urgently required noting the voluntary nature of their role
- All systems to support, maintenance and operation services required for DJCS and Victoria Police to support, maintain and operate Births, Deaths and Marriages, fixed traffic and mobile traffic cameras and Fines Victoria systems
- Administration of justice matters by legal practitioners for their clients where the matter cannot be undertaken reasonably and/or the client cannot participate reasonably in an online communication, teleconference or by means of an audio-visual link facility.
- Required pathology and forensic services; or
- essential legal services that are not able to be provided electronically, including urgent legal matters such as executing a will in-person; or
- journalist and media services; or
- feature film, television and documentary (excluding television commercials, student and corporate productions) that is already in physical production and operating as a closed set and post-production relating to it; or
- National Performing Arts Company Dancing studios for the exclusive use of Company Dancers only; or
- specialist services at telecommunications stores to support telecommunications as a critical service during the COVID-19 pandemic; or
- professional or high-performance sportsperson, workers that support the safe running of that person's professional sport, and public broadcast personnel necessary for broadcasting the professional sport; or
- thoroughbred, harness and greyhound racing, with necessary participants only; or
- a factory or facility that is not able to be shut down without causing damage or loss to plant and equipment, but only those operations that are necessary in order to prevent that damage or loss; or
- mining services including coal mining, oil and gas extraction, metal ore mining, non-metallic mineral mining and quarrying petroleum production; or
- building and construction services, workplace limits as specified in the Workplace (Additional Industry Obligations) Directions; or
- administrative services provided by an employer to enable its employees to work from home; or
 - Example: Payroll and IT services.
- organisations that provide urgent services necessary for the health and safety of any person, animal or premises; or
 - Example: the performance of emergency plumbing services, Centrelink services and foodbanks.
- public transport, including taxis, rideshare services, and other public passenger services; or
- air transport (including the operation of airports); or
- port operations; or
- freight services (including postal and courier services); or
- a transport, freight or logistics driver; or
- National Heavy Vehicle Regulator compliance activities; or
- a blood bank or other bank services for the collection, storage and provision of donated biological material; or
- care services for people with particular needs because of homelessness, family violence, age, infirmity, disability, illness or a chronic health condition or other essential support services;
 - Example: Family violence and sexual assault services, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations, Agencies carrying out essential relief activities, including Neighbourhood Houses.
- truck stops and roadhouses, but not the provision of seated dining or shower facilities to persons who are not transport, freight or logistics drivers; or
- production and distribution of;
 - disability and health equipment, mobility devices, including products for health patients; or
 - food and groceries for sale by a supermarket, butcher, fruit and vegetable store, market or fishmonger (including for sale by operators of such premises at an indoor or outdoor market); or
 - liquor for sale at a bottle shop; or
 - medical and pharmaceutical products; or
 - animal food and care products; or

- commercial operations that supply goods or service necessary:
 - for the implementation of measures to limit the spread of COVID-19; or
 - to support any business activity that may be carried out in accordance with these directions; or
 - to support the export of goods and services from Victoria; or
 - Example: manufacturing of personal protective equipment or hand sanitiser.
- the maintenance of other essential research activities for:
 - management and care of critical living resources, and the equipment and materials they depend upon (e.g. feeding, husbandry, hydrating, routine care and checks of animals, plants, microbes and cell lines in controlled environment); or
 - the storage and management of existing samples and data research infrastructure that are temperature and environmentally sensitive (e.g. biobank); or
 - long-term experiments or studies that otherwise would be prohibitive to restart (e.g. commenced clinical trials); or
 - research addressing the impact of COVID-19 and research in support of the hospital and broader health system; or
- the conduct of essential adult and higher education services pertaining to the following occupations and activities for:
 - training and assessment for infection control, high-risk work licenses and high-risk work credentials and construction induction (white card), that ensure workplace and public safety in permitted work premises or for permitted workers; or
 - study for final year pre-service early childhood and school teachers (including placements); or
 - final-year higher education students (i.e. in TEQSA-regulated courses), who do not have alternative options to complete their study by end of year; or
 - for the purposes of undertaking a prescribed examination or assessment, where not practicable to provide remotely, or
 - to support service delivery on site for vulnerable students in higher education and training, where not practicable to provide remotely; or
 - first aid training where required for COVID response; or
 - study for health care workers (including clinical placements); or
 - apprentices training with an Authorised Provider or Authorised Worker; or
 - clinical health and biomedical science (if required to be on site for the maintenance of essential research activities); or
 - aged and disability care (including clinical placements); or
 - mandatory assessments for VCE and VCAL students, and peak international academic assessments; or
 - police Academy; or
 - defence and national security agencies;
- primary industries only to the extent necessary to ensure animal rescue, adequate supply of food to, and care of, animals and maintenance of crops; or
- a hotel, motel or other accommodation facility to the extent that they provide accommodation services, including on a temporary basis for work purposes; or
- services related to property settlement or commencement/end-of-lease (including removalists); or
- forestry activity for the purposes of or relating to:
 - production of firewood for heating of premises; or
 - production of pallets; or
 - production of building supplies for construction; or
 - production of other goods required for other permitted activities (e.g. paper, packaging, caskets and coffins); or
- all manufacturing; or
- ancillary and support businesses are able to open on-site where necessary for the operations of an Authorised Provider, or for Closed Work Premises where there are safety or environmental obligations. The business cannot operate on-site for any other purpose:
 - Examples: production, supply, manufacture, repair, maintenance, cleaning, security, wholesale, distribution, transportation or sale of equipment, goods or services essential to the operation of the Authorised Provider.
- union/peak body/employer organisation officials attending a worksite as permitted by law or for Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) advice
- a person who is:
 - critical to, and involved in, the State's COVID-19 response (including in hotel quarantine); or
 - a fly in fly out worker or a drive in drive out worker who is required for industry or business continuity and maintenance of a competitive operation where the service is time-critical, who is responsible for critical maintenance or repair of infrastructure critical to a region of, or to, Victoria; or
 - maritime crew; or
 - a necessary individual for the purposes of the major event where that event has an exemption from CHO allowing it to proceed, including any workers and public broadcast personnel that support the safe running of the major event.
- Farm, animal and bloodstock leasing activities, including:

- farming activities and other operations relating to agriculture, horticulture, viticulture, irrigation, permaculture, apiculture, grains, fibre production, dairy, flower industry, commercial fishing, aquaculture and livestock; or
- intensive agricultural production including; greenhouses and animal production; or
- agricultural, veterinary chemicals and vaccine production, transportation and distribution (including the Pig Services Centre); or
- laboratory and diagnostic services; or
- animal feed production, transportation, packaging, sale, and feeding (including livestock and pets); or
- animal pounds and shelters (no public access).
- commercial cleaners in residential premises where necessary to aid the removal of waste in apartment buildings or for the duration an apartment building is identified as a Tier 1 or Tier 2 exposure site; or
- a business or undertaking providing essential support services to permitted agriculture, forestry and fishing activities, such as food safety and verification, inspection or associated laboratory services and biosecurity functions.

Authorised Health Services

Any provider of:

- emergency surgery, procedures and medical consulting undertaken for the investigation, diagnosis and management of conditions where failure to do so expediently and safely will lead to the following outcomes:
 - loss of life; or
 - loss of limb; or
 - permanent disability; or
- non-emergency but urgent surgery, procedures and medical consulting undertaken for the investigation, diagnosis and management of conditions where failure to do so in a clinically appropriate timeframe will lead to a predictable and evidence-based outcome as follows:
 - loss of life where appropriate health intervention would otherwise have prevented this; or
 - permanent disability where appropriate health intervention would otherwise have prevented this; or
 - where clinical evidence supports an increased risk of a type referred to in the above points should appropriate health intervention be significantly delayed; or
- emergency and licensed non-emergency patient transport; or
- any health services provided under the auspices of a hospital, urgent care centre or similar service including bush nursing centres; or
- any health services provided by a general practitioner; or
- any health services provided by a nursing professional or midwife; or
- any health services provided at a hospital radiology service (other than routine screening services); or
- dental services undertaken by oral health professionals in the management of patients with urgent needs or care where failure to do so in a clinically appropriate time frame will lead to adverse outcomes; or
- procedures to complete:
 - any cycle of IVF treatment that a patient has commenced before the commencement of the defined period; or
 - any procedure required for the preservation of eggs for future IVF where required health treatment will render eggs non-viable; or
- surgical termination of pregnancy; or
- drug and alcohol services; or
- the following allied health services:
 - allied health services provided by allied health professionals working as authorised workers in hospitals or in residential care facilities providing critical clinical care or as directed by the hospital; or
 - allied health workers professionals working in private or public community services, whether clinic-based or home-based, providing essential clinical care where telehealth services are not clinically appropriate; or
 - allied health services provided by allied health professionals working in private practice providing care through telehealth and other virtual care options;
 - students, medical/nursing/midwifery/allied health on placement providing authorised care in hospitals or in residential care facilities, or through telehealth; or
- the conduct of human medical research trials; or
- the following mental health services:
 - the hospital emergency or inpatient psychiatric services; or
 - allied health professionals providing mental health services in hospital; or
 - private consultant psychiatry practice by telehealth, or by face-to-face (but only for urgent care where telehealth is not clinically appropriate); or

- allied health professionals providing mental health services in community settings by telehealth, or by face-to-face (but only for urgent care where telehealth is not clinically appropriate)
- but does not include:
 - cosmetic surgery or other procedures not addressing significant medical conditions.