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BALLARAT TO ENTER SEVEN DAY LOCKDOWN, RESTRICTIONS EASE IN SHEPPARTON

[The Victorian Government has announced](#) the City of Ballarat will tonight enter a seven day lock down to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The decision was made on the advice of the Chief Health Officer, following multiple wastewater detections, multiple exposure sites and four positive cases.

From 11.59pm tonight, 15 September, the City of Ballarat will have the same restrictions as metropolitan Melbourne, but without a curfew. This will last for seven days, until 11.59pm on Wednesday, 22 September.

For the Ballarat community, there will be only five reasons to leave home:

- shopping for necessary goods and services
- authorised work and study
- caregiving or compassionate reasons
- exercise
- getting vaccinated.

Exercise and shopping will be limited to five kilometres from your home. If there are no shops within that radius, you can travel to the ones closest to you.

Exercise will be limited to just you and one other person, plus dependants if they can't be left at home. Playgrounds will remain open for children under 12 but with only one parent or carer and adults should not remove their masks to eat or drink. Playgrounds must have QR codes.

If you have any cold or flu symptoms, get tested immediately. There is a walk-in testing centre at the Ballarat Respiratory Clinic on Dana Street, and a drive through on Skipton Street.

The Chief Health Officer has also declared that from 11.59pm tonight, Shepparton's restriction settings will be downgraded to match the rest of regional Victoria.

Getting vaccinated has never been more important – it is our way out of this pandemic. To book an appointment visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au or call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.

Regards,

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