

## BULLETIN: 29/2021

### COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

The [Victorian Government has announced](#) changes to Victoria's restrictions for metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria from 11.59pm Thursday 3 June.

For a detailed overview of the changes, see the [Table of Restrictions](#). Please note, more specific sector information will be available shortly.

Following is a high-level summary.

#### Restrictions for metropolitan Melbourne

The current restrictions will remain in place in Melbourne for a further seven days, with some small changes. From 11:59pm 3 June 2021:

- There will still be only five reasons to leave home: shopping for food and supplies, authorised work and study, care and caregiving, exercise, and getting vaccinated.
- A number of outdoor jobs will be added to the authorised list – like landscaping, painting, installing solar panels, or letterboxing.
- Other restrictions – including mask wearing – will stay the same.
- People will be able to travel further for exercise and shopping, with an expanded 10km radius.
- People from Melbourne will not be able to travel to regional Victoria, including over the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

#### Restrictions for regional Victoria

Regional restrictions are proposed to begin easing from 11:59pm Thursday 3 June. These changes are subject to contact tracing and testing over the next 24 hours:

- Travel restrictions and the 'five reasons to leave home' will be lifted.
- Restaurants and cafés can reopen to a maximum of 50.
- Retail, beauty and personal care, entertainment venues and community facilities will also open in line with density limits.
- Businesses that are open in regional Victoria must check the IDs of everyone they serve.
- Religious ceremonies and funerals will be capped at 50, weddings at ten.
- If you can work from home, you should continue to work from home. Capacity limits in workplaces such as offices capped at 50 per cent or 20 people, whichever is greater.
- Masks must still be worn inside.
- Regional Victorians will be able to travel in regional Victoria. Melburnians will not.
- Public gatherings will increase to ten people.
- Visitors to the home will not be allowed.

#### QR Codes – New requirements

[QR code record keeping requirements](#) will now be mandatory in retail settings, like supermarkets and shops.

Retailers must use the [Service Victoria QR Code Service](#).

The 15-minute threshold will also be removed so anyone entering a shop or a cafe will need to check-in, regardless of how long they visit the premises.

## Support for businesses

Building on the \$250.7 million Circuit Breaker Business Support Package announced Sunday 30 May, a [new allocation of up to \\$209.3 million](#) will flow to small and medium-sized businesses, including sole traders, increasing the total support package to \$460 million.

The *Business Costs Assistance Program* grants for eligible businesses located in metropolitan Melbourne will be doubled from \$2500 to \$5000.

- Regional businesses unable to open due to the ongoing restrictions, such as nightclubs and amusement parks, will also be eligible for the extended payment.
- Metropolitan businesses that will have restrictions eased from Friday will not be eligible for the extended payment.

Applications for the *Business Costs Assistance Program* are scheduled to open on Thursday 3 June and will remain open until 11.59pm on Thursday 24 June 2021.

The *Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund* grants for businesses in metropolitan Melbourne with eligible liquor licences and food certificates will be doubled from \$3500 to \$7000.

Eligible liquor licensees under the *Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund* payment will be emailed directly by Business Victoria tomorrow, Thursday 3 June 2021, with a link to their grant application form.

For more information on how to apply, visit [Business Victoria](#) or call the Business Victoria hotline on 13 22 15.

## Other important information for businesses

It's critical that businesses with on-site operations continue to comply with [cleaning](#), [signage](#), [record keeping](#), and other [COVIDSafe requirements](#).

Businesses must have an active, up-to-date [COVIDSafe Plan](#) and those that fail to do the right thing face significant fines.

All Victorians over the age of 40 are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. For more information on how to book your vaccine appointment, visit the [Coronavirus website](#).

Stay up to date with the latest [exposure sites](#). Anyone with symptoms should get tested immediately. The list of [testing sites](#) includes wait times.

Victorian workers can apply for a [\\$450 COVID-19 Test Isolation Payment](#) that provides financial support while they self-isolate to wait for the results of a COVID-19 test.

For more information, visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au) or call the Business Victoria hotline on 13 22 15.

Regards

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