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COVID-19 UPDATE – RESTRICTIONS TO EASE FROM 11.59PM ON THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER

The [Victorian Government has announced](#) Victoria is set to hit its 70 per cent double dose vaccination target nearly a week early and significant restrictions are set to be eased. With our first dose vaccination rate at almost 90 per cent, Victoria will this week hit a significant milestone on the Roadmap, with 70 per cent of Victorians 16 years and over having received two vaccine doses.

Because of this, Victoria's Chief Health Officer has determined that at 11.59pm on Thursday 21 October, Victoria will move forward in opening up and more restrictions will be eased.

From 11:59pm on Thursday 21 October for both metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria:

- Up to 10 people (including dependents) per day will be able to visit homes in both regional and metropolitan Melbourne. It's highly recommended that Victorians only permit people aged 12 years and over who are fully vaccinated to visit them.
- Movement between regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne will only be allowed for permitted reasons.
- [Workers who are required to get vaccinated](#) must provide their employer with evidence that they meet the vaccination requirements for their industry.
- Masks will still be required both indoors and outdoors for all Victorians.
- Large scale construction sites will increase to 100 per cent capacity but only if all workers are fully vaccinated.

In metropolitan Melbourne:

- The curfew and the 15km travel radius will be lifted. However, movement between regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne will only be allowed for permitted reasons.
- 15 people can gather outdoors. Community sport training returns for minimum required to hold training.
- People must continue to work from home if they can.
- Most outdoor settings – outdoor cafes, cinemas, and physical recreation facilities like pools – will open with up to 50 people per venue but are subject to density limits and only for those fully vaccinated - including workers.
- Indoor settings - like pubs, restaurants and cafes - will be able to reopen with up to 20 people indoors with density limits, and only if all attendees – including workers – are fully vaccinated.
- Hairdressing and personal care can open for up to five fully vaccinated people.
- Religious gatherings, weddings and funerals will be able to take place with up to 50 people outdoors and 20 people indoors subject to density limits and only if all attendees are fully vaccinated. Or, if vaccination status is unknown, 10 people are permitted indoors for funerals, weddings and religious gatherings.

In regional Victoria:

- Up to 20 people can gather outdoors, including dependents.
- Indoor settings – like pubs, restaurants, cafes and gyms – will increase from 10 to 30 people per venue, if everyone is fully vaccinated.

- Outdoor venues will increase from 20 to up to 100 people per venue, but only if everyone is fully vaccinated. If vaccination status is unknown, the venue can only have a total of 20 people.
- Community sport returns indoors for minimum number required.
- Funerals and weddings are allowed for 30 fully vaccinated people indoors and 100 fully vaccinated outdoors.

See the [updated Roadmap](#) for further details.

The next milestone in the Roadmap will be when Victoria hits the 80 per cent double dose vaccination target, which is predicted to be the first week of November. **The more Victorians who get vaccinated, the sooner we will hit the next target and the more restrictions we can lift.**

[Victoria's Roadmap to Deliver the National Plan](#) is based on modelling from the Burnet Institute and is set against COVID-19 thresholds, including hospitalisation rates and the vaccination targets already set out in the *National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response*.

If you haven't booked your appointment, please book it today. Victorians can also book a vaccine appointment through their GP or pharmacist. For more info on the Roadmap or to book a vaccination visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

Regards,

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