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SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO RESTRICTIONS FOR METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE AND REGIONAL VICTORIA

Safely reopening Victoria

Changes to how we live and work in metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria have been [announced](#) as we take safe, steady and sustainable steps to reopening.

Over coming days more information about the changes to these restrictions will be added to the [Department of Health and Human Services](#) website and coronavirus.vic.gov.au

Victoria's roadmaps for reopening provide steps for easing restrictions, dependent upon how many active coronavirus (COVID-19) cases are in the community and the latest public health advice. Industry restrictions, including local government services, can also be found on the [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) website](#).

Key changes for metropolitan Melbourne

Metropolitan Melbourne is in Second Step restrictions. From 11:59pm 18 October 2020 a number of restrictions were eased.

- People can now travel up to 25 km from their home or permitted workplace.
- There is no time limit for exercise and socialising outdoors.
- The number of people who can gather outdoors to increased to 10 people from two households.
- Indoor swimming pools are open for one-on-one hydrotherapy sessions with a health professional where clinically indicated. No group sessions.
- Outdoor swimming pools are open for exercise, but are limited to the number of people permitted by the density quotient, to a maximum of 30 people.
- Outdoor sports settings such as tennis courts, golf courses and skateparks can reopen.
- All allied health professionals currently operating can resume routine face-to-face care. Continued use of tele-health is encouraged.

Key changes for regional Victoria

Regional Victoria remains in Third Step restrictions. From 11:59pm 18 October 2020 some restrictions were eased.

- Regional libraries and toy libraries can open to a maximum of 20 people indoors, subject to density limits.
- People can hold outdoor religious gatherings with up to 20 people
- Regional hospitality businesses can host up to 40 customers indoors and up to 70 outdoors, subject to health measures - including COVIDSafe Plans being in place.
- Indoor pools can open for people 18 and under with a maximum of 20 swimmers., One-on-one hydrotherapy with a health professional sessions with a health professional can also resume.

Customer Service Centres and Visitor Information Centres

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has updated guidance for Customer Service Centres and Visitor Information Centres in regional Victoria. Customer Service Centres and Visitor Information Centres can open to the public, subject to density requirements of one person per four square metres. Sector guidance and frequently asked questions (FAQs) are available at [Public Administration and Safety sector guidance](#)

Where people can continue to work from home, they should.

Summer fire and flood preparedness

From midnight on Wednesday 21 October, residents in metropolitan Melbourne will be able to undertake fire, flood or other hazard preparedness activities at second properties in regional Victoria, by obtaining written formal approval from the council their second property is located in.

This will involve providing the relevant council with details about the property, type of work and date of travel. Importantly for residents of metropolitan Melbourne, the restrictions they are required to comply with in Melbourne will travel with them into regional Victoria.

That means, for example, they cannot dine in at a restaurant or access a personal beauty service. Councils' communications to these residents should remind them of their obligations.

Residents who live in regional Victoria continue to be able to travel to a second property, holiday home or business in regional Victoria to prepare it for an emergency.

Local councils can continue to issue Fire Prevention Notices where it is deemed necessary to place an obligation on property owners. Residents issued with a Fire Prevention Notice are legally bound to oblige and can travel to their property to clean it up.

Local Government Victoria will be writing to all Chief Executive Officers with further information in relation to this matter.

Frequently Asked Questions have been published and are available on the [coronavirus website emergencies page](#).

[Local Government Victoria](#) will continue to update its website with information on the coronavirus (COVID-19) roadmap for reopening and what it means for councils.

Regards

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