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RESTRICTION CHANGES ACROSS VICTORIA AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

The [Victorian Government has announced](#) the modest easing of restrictions across Victoria and changes to construction industry settings.

A summary of the changes is outlined below. For a detailed overview, see the [Table of Restrictions](#).

Restriction changes for metropolitan Melbourne and City of Ballarat

From 11.59pm Friday 17 September:

- Real estate inspections will resume by appointment only. Only people from the same household can attend the inspection appointment and the real estate agent must stay outdoors during the inspection.
- Up to five people will be able to attend an entertainment venue or physical recreation facility to broadcast a performance, class, or concert.
- There will be one other reason to leave home: outdoor social interaction.
- This means one person may meet another person not from their household for a picnic, a walk, or another outdoor activity.
- Additionally, up to five adults (plus dependents) from two households will be able to gather outdoors if all adults present have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.
- The distance you can leave home for shopping for necessary goods and services, exercise and outdoor social interaction will increase from five kilometres to 10 kilometres.
- The time permitted for exercise – and now outdoor social interaction – will increase from two hours a day to four hours.
- Two people will now be able to train outdoors with a personal trainer.
- Skate parks and outdoor communal exercise equipment will reopen.
- Child-minding for school-aged children will be permitted if only one parent is an authorised worker.

Restriction changes for regional Victoria (excluding the City of Ballarat)

From 11.59 pm Friday 17 September:

- Tour buses can operate with up to 10 people.
- Gyms, outdoor and indoor pools (excluding spas, saunas and steam rooms) will reopen with limits, and hydrotherapy and swimming lessons can occur.

Changes to construction industry settings

Due to the increasing concern about COVID-19 transmission and exposure in construction settings, the following changes will be made to limit further spread in this industry:

- Construction workers state-wide will need to show evidence to their employer that they have had a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by 11:59 pm Thursday 23 September.

Limited medical exemptions and proof-of-booking exceptions will apply, in line with previous requirements for residential aged care workers.

- Construction workers will now not be able to cross the metropolitan-regional boundary for work. This follows evidence of cases seeding from Melbourne into regional Victoria.
- Tea rooms will need to close and food or drink will not be able to be consumed indoors at work.
- Worker shift bubbles must be in practice and all sites will require a COVIDSafe Marshal on site.

Construction workers can now access a priority vaccination booking (phone only) and can walk up without a booking for Pfizer during key times at the old Ford Factory in Campbellfield, the former Bunnings in Melton West, Eagle Stadium in Werribee and the Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital.

Get vaccinated today

All Victorians are encouraged to book their vaccination appointment today by visiting portal.cvms.vic.gov.au or by phoning the Coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398.

Regards,

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