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## **LATEST ADVICE FOR COUNCILS**

Last night, the Victorian Government announced [new coronavirus \(COVID-19\) restrictions](#).

The restrictions have been introduced after [a Hotel Quarantine worker at the Grand Hyatt Hotel tested positive to coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#).

As of 11:59pm on 3 February 2021 new state-wide restrictions are in effect:

- The limit on the number of people gathering in a household is reduced from 30 to 15, meaning the household members plus 15 visitors (excluding children under 12 months of age).
- Face masks must be worn when in indoor spaces (other than private residences), on public transport, and in commercial passenger vehicles, apart from when eating or drinking, unless a lawful reason not to wear one applies. Masks are strongly recommended in the home if people other than your immediate household are present.
- The 75 per cent 'return to work' cap in both public and private sectors scheduled for Monday 8 February are paused and the current cap of 50% will remain in place.

Please visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au) to keep up to date with the latest developments and the list of exposure sites.

It's critical that every business continues to operate in a COVIDSafe way to help protect our community. Please review and update your [COVIDSafe Plan](#).

Recent outbreaks have highlighted the importance of contact tracing in stopping the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Businesses are strongly encouraged to use QR codes to support contact tracing, rather than a manual record keeping system. [The Victorian Government QR Code Service](#) is simple to access and set up, and is free. Registering is easy – visit the Coronavirus website to [create an account](#).

A range of free [signs and posters for your workplace](#) are available, including [mask posters](#) to let workers and visitors know face masks must be worn indoors, except when eating, drinking or if an exemption applies.

More information is available at [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au), or by calling Business Victoria on 13 22 15.

Please help Victoria to Stay Safe and Stay Open.

Regards

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