

BULLETIN: 10/2021

CIRCUIT BREAKER ACTION

The Victorian Government has announced a five day 'circuit breaker action' that came into effect across the state from 11:59pm Friday 12 February until 11:59pm Wednesday 17 February 2021.

The Chief Health Officer and his team have recommended this action because of the highly infectious nature of this mutant UK strain of the virus.

This is a short, sharp action that we've seen work in Queensland and Western Australia and will help keep Victorians safe.

This change applies to the whole of Victoria.

There will only be four reasons to leave your home:

- shopping for necessary goods and services (one person per household, once per day)
- caregiving or compassionate reasons
- exercise for up to two hours a day, with one other person or members of your household or intimate partner
- permitted work - if you can work from home you must.

Face masks are mandatory everywhere except in your home and you must stay within 5km of your home. The 5km limit does not apply to work, or when giving or receiving care. You can also leave your home in an emergency or if there is family violence.

For more detail on these changes, please see the [Premier's statement](#) and [Table of Restrictions](#).

Depending on their role, some workers are permitted to attend onsite. However, if you or your workers can work from home you must.

For a full list of necessary goods and services and permitted workers please see the [Table of Restrictions](#)

We ask that you continue to engage your industry networks and let them know that all businesses must have an active, up-to-date [COVIDSafe Plan](#).

Record keeping – All businesses must record contact details of anyone on their premises for 15 minutes or more, including staff, customers and suppliers. Electronic record keeping is preferred.

Keeping an accurate record – and encouraging staff and visitors to your venue to register their details – is vital to helping us track any potential spread of the virus. [Signage](#) to remind people of this requirement, in addition to other safety measures, is available.

The [Victorian Government QR Code Service](#) is free for all Victorian businesses, organisations, clubs and events. These records help contact tracers in the event a positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) is identified.

Remember - if you or your workers get [symptoms](#), even mild symptoms please get tested. Every test helps keep Victorians safe.

Find more information at www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au or by calling Business Victoria on [13 22 15](tel:132215). If you need an interpreter, call the coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398 and press 0.

Thank you for your efforts to keep Victorians safe.

Regards

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