

## BULLETIN: 16/2021

### CONDUCT OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The extension to Part 12 will continue to allow councillors and members of delegated committees, special committees, and governing bodies of regional libraries, to participate in meetings remotely by electronic means of communication. Additionally, any requirement that certain council meetings be 'open to the public' could be satisfied by live streaming the meeting on the council website or placing a recording of the meeting on the council website as soon as practicable after the meeting.

The change will make Part 12 of the Act available until 26 April 2022 and be repealed from the Act on 27 April 2022.

The Ministerial Good Practice Guideline for Virtual Meetings, approved by the Minister for Local Government, will be updated shortly. The current version is available on the [Local Government Victoria website](#).

The further extension of these provisions will provide clarity and certainty to councils and allow councils to put the safety and wellbeing of the community and councillors as a priority whilst allowing continued governance in relation to key meetings.

### VICTORIA TO FURTHER RELAX COVIDSAFE SETTINGS

The Victorian Government [has announced](#) that Victoria will further relax its COVIDSafe Settings, allowing for more visitors in the home, reduced mask wearing and an increase in the number of people allowed in live music venues and other settings.

The full list of [COVIDSafe Settings](#) will apply from 6pm Friday 26 March 2021.

Workers may attend onsite as required. On-site office work will no longer be capped (both public and private sectors). All workplaces with onsite workers require a COVIDSafe Plan.

Please continue to engage your industry networks and remind them that all businesses must have an active, up to date [COVIDSafe Plan](#).

Download and display the [signage](#) available to remind people of the need to check in and other safety measures.

Remember, if you or your workers have even mild COVID-19 [symptoms](#), please get tested. Every test helps keep Victorians safe.

Visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au) for more information or call 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 during these challenging times to keep Victorians safe.

Regards

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