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VICTORIA'S ROADMAP TO DELIVER THE NATIONAL PLAN

The [Victorian Government has announced](#) Victoria's new roadmap to deliver the National Plan.

The roadmap is based on expert modelling from the Burnet Institute and is set against COVID-19 thresholds including hospitalisation rates, and the vaccination targets already set out in the *National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response*.

The COVID-19 thresholds detailed in the roadmap will be important measures to maintain as Victoria moves through the different stages in order to safeguard the health system.

For information on Victoria's roadmap to deliver the National Plan:

[Roadmap - Delivering the National Plan: How we work](#)

Indicative dates in the roadmap include:

- **26 September:** 80 per cent of Victorians expected to have had at least one vaccination dose. This is Phase A of the National Plan.
- **26 October:** 70 per cent of Victorians expected to have had both vaccination doses. This is Phase B of the National Plan and lockdown will end in Melbourne.
- **5 November:** 80 per cent of Victorians expected to have had both vaccination doses. This is Phase C of the National Plan, and regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne will come together under the same rules.
- **19 November:** once 80 per cent of Victorians aged 12 and over are fully vaccinated, restrictions will align with Phase D of the National Plan.

For more information about how the roadmap applies in metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria:

- [Summary of proposed restriction levels for metropolitan Melbourne](#)
- [Summary of proposed restriction levels for regional Victoria](#)

A one-page summary of the roadmap is also available:

- [Victoria's roadmap](#)

Transition to a 'vaccinated economy'

As we reach 70 per cent and 80 per cent double dose vaccination targets, the roadmap lists certain venues for opening – on the condition that all attendees are vaccinated. The government will conduct trials to support businesses and ensure we have the right systems in place.

Both one-off events and specific venues will be considered – with businesses permitted to operate with higher patron caps if all staff and patrons provide evidence of full vaccination. Areas in regional Victoria with highest vaccination rates and no COVID-19 cases will be the first to be considered for these trials.

Proof of vaccination options will also be part of the trials. The Service Victoria app will be integrated with a Medicare Certificate that shows proof of vaccination. Other proof of vaccination options may also be trialled to determine what works best for both businesses and patrons.

Funding to support councils and business to get more activities outside

Getting more activities outside is a key part of keeping us safe and slowing case numbers. Based on the overwhelming success of last Summer's Outdoor Dining program, the government will look to provide additional funding to councils and businesses to get even more activities outside. More details will be released soon.

Important vaccination requirement update

The Burnet modelling shows the key to opening up and reducing risk in Victoria is making sure workers across the state are vaccinated.

Healthcare workers will be required to be vaccinated to work. The next workforce group prioritised for assessment will be school staff and childcare staff. And there will be more to say soon about Victoria Police and disability worker vaccinations requirements.

Victoria's Chief Health Officer will assess vaccination requirements for all authorised workers and progressively assess requirements for each sector. There are already vaccine requirements for aged care, construction, and freight workforces.

Other changes to restrictions announced today

Seven Day Lockdown: City of Greater Geelong, Surf Coast & Mitchell Shire

The [Chief Health Officer has declared](#) the City of Greater Geelong, the Surf Coast and Mitchell Shire will enter a seven-day lockdown commencing at 11.59pm on Sunday 19 September, with restrictions the same as those in the City of Ballarat and metropolitan Melbourne, excluding the curfew. For more information on the current restrictions, go to coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

Border update

The Chief Health Officer [has also declared](#) that 66 Local Government Areas in NSW, plus Jervis Bay, will move from an Extreme Risk Zone to a Red Zone under Victoria's travel permit system.

This will help Victorians who have only been in these areas to come home, where they need to isolate for 14 days and get tested regularly. The areas changing are those which are not in lockdown and are listed at www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/rules/limited-restrictions.

All LGAs on the NSW-Victorian border are becoming red zones – except for Albury, which is in lockdown. If you live in the cross-border community – and you haven't left the cross-border area or you haven't been in an Extreme Risk Zone any time in the previous 14 days – you can cross the border and enter Victoria without a permit for any reason.

People who have been in an Extreme Risk Zone – such as Albury – in the previous 14 days are still required to obtain a *Cross-Border Community – Extreme Risk Zone* permit and travel only for permitted reasons should they wish to enter or re-enter Victoria. Limited exemptions and exceptions, and other valid permits, apply.

For more info on Victoria's travel permit system, visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorian-travel-permit-system. These pages will be updated at 11:59pm to include the new areas in lockdown and the new travel zone designations.

Other important information for businesses

Every business has an important role to play. It's critical for businesses and industry to continue to be COVIDSafe and comply with restrictions.

- Check your [COVIDSafe Plan](#) is up to date.
- Support your workers to get vaccinated – it is our way out of this pandemic. To book an appointment visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au or call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.

DJPR will meet with industry stakeholders and businesses over the coming week on what the roadmap means for individual sectors.

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