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LATEST COVID-19 ADVICE

The Victorian Government [has announced](#) that the circuit breaker action in place across Victoria will end at 11:59pm on Wednesday 17 February 2021. Victoria will return to COVIDSafe Summer settings, with some changes.

The Government has been able to make this announcement because of the efforts of every Victorian – thank you for playing your part to keep Victoria safe.

Getting back to a COVIDSafe Summer – key changes to restrictions:

- There are no restrictions on reasons to leave home but stay safe.
- [Face masks](#) must be carried at all times. [Face masks continue to be mandatory indoors \(except in a residential home\). This includes workplaces.](#)
- [Face masks are mandatory outdoors when](#) you cannot maintain a physical distance of 1.5 metres from others who you don't live with (unless an [exemption](#) applies).
- Hospitality and retail can reopen with density quotients in place. These are outlined in the [COVIDSafe Summer table of restrictions](#). This includes personal services like beauty and hairdressing.
- Public and private offices workers can return with up to 50 per cent of a workforce on-site.
- Large indoor venues, such as the NGV and Princess Theatre, can open for up to 50 per cent capacity of the total venue with a maximum of 300 patrons in each space.
- Indoor seated entertainment venues have limits of 50 per cent of seating capacity up to 300 patrons per space. Outdoor seated entertainment venues have limits of 75 per cent capacity up to 1000 patrons.
- Accommodation providers can also re-open, in line with private gathering requirements. That means a booking can be made by a household with up to five visitors.
- Weddings, funerals and religious gatherings can occur with no limits on guests or attendees. To ensure people can keep 1.5 metres distance, the venue must apply the [two square metre rule](#) or the [four square metre rule](#). If conducted in a private home, the private gathering limit applies (5 visitors).
- Community facilities, entertainment venues and all other public places can reopen – with additional limits on crowd sizes in place. These are outlined in the [COVIDSafe Summer table of restrictions](#).
- No more than five visitors are allowed to your home per day, and outdoor public gatherings with friends and family are limited to 20 people.
- Visits to hospitals and residential aged care facilities are limited to one household per day, with some exceptions.
- Schools and education providers will open and students will return to school.

For more detail, see the [Premier's statement](#) and the [COVIDSafe Summer table of restrictions](#).

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

[Record keeping](#) continues to be an important tool for helping Victoria stay safe and stay open.

Are you meeting your record keeping requirements?

All businesses must record contact details for anyone who is on their premises for 15 minutes or more, including staff, customers and suppliers. Electronic record keeping is required for many venues to access the higher density limit of 1 person per 2sqm.

The [Victorian Government QR Code Service](#) is easy to use and free for all Victorian businesses, organisations, clubs and events.

Keeping an accurate record and ensuring your staff and visitors register their details is vital for contact tracing and helping limit the spread of the COVID-19.

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 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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