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UPDATED MASK RULES FROM 11:59PM DECEMBER 23

The [Victorian Government has announced](#) steps to ensure the community's safety over the holidays with updated mask rules to protect Victorians.

From 11:59pm tonight, 23 December 2021, face masks will return indoors (except in the home) for people aged eight and over. This means face masks will be required when moving around major events with more than 30,000 people, however they can be removed when patrons are seated outdoors.

The following COVIDSafe Settings continue to apply to keep our community and workplaces safe:

- check in everywhere, every time
- review and update your COVIDSafe Plan regularly to make sure you comply with current requirements, and always keep a copy onsite
- notify the Department of Health and WorkSafe if you have a confirmed case in the workplace.

Those who want to be as COVIDSafe as possible are strongly encouraged to work from home where possible, stick to seated service while inside hospitality and sporting venues and use dancefloors in well-ventilated outdoor areas.

[Improving indoor air quality](#) can reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in the workplace.

Strategies available to business include:

If you have natural ventilation available:

- Open windows and leave doors open in hallways and corridors to increase outdoor airflow into the space.
- Place a fan away from openable windows or door to increase air circulation within a space.

If you have mechanical ventilation available:

- Maximise the amount of air being provided into the space by disabling any control systems that vary the amount of fresh air based on occupancy.
- Change the settings to increase the proportion of outdoor air.
- Install a higher-grade filter within the air handling unit.

All Victorians who are eligible for a booster are urged to book an appointment as soon as possible – especially those at higher risk of contracting the virus, such as healthcare workers. [COVID-19 booster doses](#) are recommended for anyone aged 18 and over who had their second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine five or more months ago. You can get a COVID-19 booster dose from a GP or pharmacy, or a Victorian [vaccination centre](#).

For more information, including [advice for workplaces with a confirmed COVID-19 case](#), please go to coronavirus.vic.gov.au.