

## BULLETIN: 73/2020

### CHANGES TO RESTRICTIONS FOR METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE

This afternoon, the Premier confirmed Melbourne will move out of lockdown and into the Third Step.

For more detail on these changes, please see the [Premier's statement](#) and [summary of changes](#). A reminder that every business that is open in Victoria must have a [COVIDSafe Plan](#).

#### Changes to how we live in Metropolitan Melbourne

From 11:59pm tomorrow:

- Melbourne will move from “stay home” to “stay safe”, with no more restrictions on the reasons to leave home.
- Outdoor contact sport for those aged 18 and under will begin again, along with non-contact sport for adults.
- PT, fitness and dance classes can be held outdoors with up to ten people.
- The number of people at outdoor pools can increase to 50, subject to density limits.
- Libraries and community venues will be able to open for outdoor events.
- Faith communities will be able to meet for outdoor religious ceremonies with up to 20 people, in addition to those required for the service. Indoor services can be held with up to 10.
- Weddings will increase to ten people, and funerals up to 20.

#### Changes to how we work in Metropolitan Melbourne

From 11:59pm tomorrow:

- Melbourne's cafes, restaurants and pubs can reopen - outdoors with a limit of up to 50, indoors up to 20. Density limits, record keeping and COVIDSafe Plans also apply.
- Remaining retail will open.
- Beauty and personal care services can resume.
- Outdoor entertainment venues can begin hosting visitors.
- For those businesses who need to get ready for their reopening – staff will be able to attend onsite straight away.
- Workplaces will no longer need to be on the permitted work list to open and the ability to work will change to “if you can work from home you must work from home”.

#### Restrictions remaining in place at this time

- The 25-kilometre limit will remain in place to limit the virus's ability to travel.
- The border between regional Victoria and Melbourne will also remain in place. And while the boundary is in place, work permits will still be required for workers from Melbourne travelling into regional Victoria – and vice versa.

#### Looking ahead

From 8 November, subject to case numbers, the following changes will occur:

- The 25km limit will come off and Melbourne will be able to meet regional Victoria at the same level. That means the same eased restrictions that apply to regional Victoria will also apply to Melbourne.
- The border between the city and the rest of our state will also fall away.
- The capacity of pubs and restaurants will increase, with up to 40 inside and 70 outside.

- Religious gatherings will expand with up to 20 people and a faith leader indoors, and 50 outside.
- Gyms and indoor fitness will be able to reopen – with some strict safety precautions in place.
- Accommodation will reopen.

## **Changes to restrictions for Regional Victoria**

As noted yesterday the continued low number of regional cases means the Victorian Government is able to announce some easing of restrictions for regional Victoria.

From 11:59pm on Tuesday 27 October:

- Indoor gyms and fitness spaces will be able to open for up to 20 people, with a maximum of ten per space and a density of one person per 8 square metres.
- Indoor pools will open for all ages up to 20 people.
- Indoor non-contact community sport will begin for those 18 and under, as well as sport capable of maintaining 1.5m physical distancing.
- Food courts can open.
- Live music can resume as part of outdoor hospitality.
- Tour vehicles that support the primary outdoor offering of a tourism facility can operate, for trips of up to 30 minutes.
- School graduations can be held within school communities.
- For religious gatherings, 20 people can gather together indoors with one faith leader – or 50 outdoors.
- Outdoor funerals can increase to 50 mourners.

## **Living COVIDSafe – everyone has a role in supporting COVID-Normal living and working**

- As we take these steady steps towards reopening, the message remains the same: please, stay safe.
- Keep wearing a mask.
- Keep maintaining your distance.
- If you have symptoms, you must get tested immediately and stay home.
- And understand that even though restrictions may ease, our personal responsibility in all this doesn't.

Local Government Victoria will continue to update its website with information on the coronavirus (COVID-19) roadmap for reopening and what it means for councils.

Regards

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