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CHANGES TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS THIS WEEK

The Victorian Government [has announced](#) the further easing of COVID-19 restrictions from 11.59pm Thursday 17 June.

For a detailed overview of the changes, see the Table of Restrictions at the bottom of the [Statement from the Acting Premier](#). Following is a high-level summary.

Changes to restrictions in metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria

- The 25km travel limit will be removed and travel between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria will resume.
- Masks will continue to be required indoors but they are no longer required outdoors – however they'll still be recommended when you can't maintain physical distancing.
- Hospitality venues can have up to 25 patrons before the density quotient applies.
- Gyms can open **across Melbourne**, with density limits and COVIDSafe Plans in place.
- Hair and beauty services can now operate without masks during service.
- **Melbournians** travelling to the snow this season are required to get a COVID-19 test within 72 hours of departing for Victoria's alpine resorts, and a negative result.
- If you can work from home, you should continue to work from home.
- Twenty people can gather outside **in Melbourne**, and **50 in regional Victoria**.

QR Codes

All businesses are now required to use the [Victorian Government QR Code Service](#), unless an exemption applies.

Businesses must ensure that every customer and visitor has checked-in, no matter how long they are at the premises.

A reminder that the enforcement amnesty for retailers ends tomorrow, Thursday 17 June 2021, and retail businesses that do not comply with [QR code requirements](#) will risk fines from this date.

Support for businesses

There are a number of support programs available to businesses that have been impacted by the restrictions.

- The [Circuit Breaker Business Support Package](#) provides support to employing and non-employing businesses. Applications are now open for the [Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two](#) and [Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021](#).
- The [Regional Tourism Support Package](#) provides direct assistance to tourism businesses, including accommodation providers, attractions and experiences.
- The [Victorian Events Support Package](#) provides support to event organisers, hosts and suppliers. Applications will open soon.

For more information and to apply, visit [Business Victoria](#).

Other important information for businesses

Anyone with symptoms should get tested immediately – please encourage your workers to get tested if they are unwell. The list of [testing sites](#) includes wait times.

All Victorians over the age of 40 are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. For more information on how to book your vaccine appointment, visit the [Coronavirus website](#).

As restrictions ease, it's important to check your [COVIDSafe Plan](#) is up to date.

For more information, visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au or call the Business Victoria hotline on 13 22 15.

Regards

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