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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.
- Melburnians 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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