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CHANGES TO RESTRICTIONS FOR REGIONAL VICTORIA

This morning, the Premier [provided an update](#) on Victoria's coronavirus restrictions for both regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne.

Changes to restrictions for Regional Victoria

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.

From 11:59pm tonight:

- Greater Shepparton will come into alignment with the rest of regional Victoria and then progress under these changes.

The attached table provides further details on these changes.

Every Victorian business that is open must have a [COVIDSafe Plan](#) to protect workers, customers and visitors.

Metropolitan Melbourne restrictions update

Today, 7 new coronavirus cases have been identified in Victoria. Six of these are in the northern suburbs, meaning there have so far been 39 cases spread across 11 households.

While these cases have locations in common, it is not yet clear how they link together, which means transmission may still be happening where it cannot be seen.

In the last 24 hours, over 3,000 Victorians from the northern suburbs got tested and around 1000 swabs are currently being processed, and more is expected today.

Those results will be reviewed over the next couple of days to understand exactly how this virus is travelling.

That means – based on the advice of the public health experts – there can be no changes to restrictions in metropolitan Melbourne announced today. This is a pause for a couple of extra days that might put Victoria weeks ahead of this virus.

At this stage, we can expect further updates for metropolitan Melbourne during the week.

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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