

## BULLETIN: 39/2021

### CHANGES TO COVID RESTRICTIONS THIS WEEK

The [Victorian Government has announced](#) that restrictions in regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne will ease from 11.59pm Thursday 24 June 2021, and remain in place for at least two weeks.

For a detailed overview of the changes, see the latest [table of restrictions](#).

The following is a high-level summary:

#### **Changes to restrictions in metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria**

- Hospitality venues can serve up to 300 **in Melbourne**, but density limits still apply.
- Masks must be worn indoors, except if you're at home or if an [exception](#) applies.
- More people **in metropolitan Melbourne** can return to offices, with 75 percent capacity – or 30 people in a workplace – whichever is greater.
- Players, parents and spectators can attend outdoor community sport within the total cap of 1000 people.
- Live music will have greater numbers in pubs, clubs and other hospitality venues across the state too, but dance floors are still closed for now.
- Indoor seated entertainment venues, such as cinemas, can have up to 75 per cent seated capacity, with a maximum of 300 people per space.
- Large theatres will initially open at 50 percent capacity, with up to 1000 people.
- Crowds can attend public events and outdoor stadiums with a limit of 50 percent, or up to 25,000 people.
- Private visitors to the home will increase to 15 people **for both regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne** – and up to 50 people can gather outside in a public place like a park.
- Funerals and weddings will be capped at 300 people.
- For the next week, it is recommended that those travelling to Victoria's alpine region get tested prior departing metropolitan Melbourne, especially if they're staying overnight.

#### **Looking ahead**

Subject to epidemiology and the advice of the Chief Health Officer, from 11:59pm 1 July 2021:

- Numbers for public events and outdoor stadiums will increase, with 100 percent capacity at shows like Frozen at Her Majesty's Theatre, and Harry Potter at the Princess Theatre.
- Indoor and outdoor stadiums will be able to increase to 85 percent capacity - including the MCG, Marvel Stadium, and AAMI Park.

#### **QR Codes**

A reminder that all businesses and workplaces are now required to use the [Victorian Government QR Code Service](#), unless an exemption applies.

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

For businesses that have not [previously been mandated](#) to use the Victorian Government QR Code Service, an enforcement amnesty is in place until 11.59pm 1 July 2021.

Checking in with the Victorian Government QR Code Service is the best way to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep Victorian businesses open.

#### **Support for businesses**

There are [a number of support programs](#) available to businesses, with applications closing soon:

- Applications for the [Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two](#) and [Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021](#) close tomorrow night at 11:59pm Thursday 24 June 2021.
- The [Victorian Events Support Package](#) provides support to event organisers, hosts and suppliers. Applications are open and close at 11:59pm Friday 16 July 2021.

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

Regards

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