

Local Government Victoria Bulletin

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COVID-19 UPDATE – RESTRICTIONS EASING FROM 11.59PM FRIDAY 22 APRIL 2022

As the peak of the Omicron wave begins to subside, and with almost 70 per cent of adults now armed with their third dose, the [Victorian Government has announced](#) that most COVID-19 restrictions will be removed from 11:59pm, Friday 22 April 2022.

The Minister for Health's changes to pandemic orders will include:

VACCINATION AND CHECK IN

- Patrons will no longer be required to have two doses or show their vaccination status before entering any venue.
- The requirement for staff and patrons of venues to check-in using the Service Victoria app will end, with operators not required to keep any attendance records or maintain a COVID-19 Check-in Marshal.
- The existing two-dose and three-dose vaccination mandates for workers are retained.

FACE MASKS

- Face masks will no longer be required in hospitality and retail settings, or at events of any size.
- Face masks will still be required on public transport and at airports – excluding airport workers who aren't public facing – and in sensitive health, aged care and justice settings.
- Face masks are strongly recommended when you can't physically distance.

QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION

- Close contacts will no longer have to quarantine – provided they wear a face mask indoors and avoid sensitive settings. They will also need to undertake at least five negative rapid tests over the seven days that would previously have been the self-quarantine period.
- People are exempt from testing or quarantine for 12 weeks if they've had COVID-19 – up from 8 weeks.
- The essential requirement to isolate for seven days following a COVID-19 diagnosis is retained.

WORKPLACE CONTACTS

- Individuals will be required to notify their workplace contacts, in addition to informing their social contacts.
- Workplaces won't have to individually identify and notify each potentially exposed worker.
- It is recommended to work from home if you're a close contact exempt from quarantine.

EVENTS

- Events with more than 30,000 people will no longer require public health pre-approval.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS

- International travelers who are symptom-free will be recommended but not required to get a PCR or rapid test on arrival, and unvaccinated travelers will no longer complete 7 days' quarantine. Pre-departure tests for unvaccinated air crew will also be lifted.

COVIDSAFE PLAN

- All workplaces will still require a COVIDSafe Plan.

Victoria continues to monitor epidemiological conditions and work with other jurisdictions and to ensure COVID settings are aligned. See more information at coronavirus.vic.gov.au.