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COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE INCLUDING RED ZONE PERMITS PAUSED

The [Victorian Government has announced](#) the current lockdown will be extended for seven days and travel to Victoria using Red Zone Permits will be temporarily paused. There are no changes to the current arrangements for [border communities](#).

The lockdown restrictions will continue until Tuesday 27 July at 11.59pm.

There are only five reasons to leave home:

- to get food and supplies
- exercise, for up to two hours
- work or education if you can't do it from home
- care and caregiving
- getting vaccinated at the nearest possible location.

Everyone must work from home unless you are an [authorised provider or authorised worker](#).

Shopping and exercise must be done within 5kms of your home or the nearest location.

Face masks will remain mandatory indoors (not at home) and outdoors unless an exception applies – this includes all workplaces, and secondary schools.

Red Zone Permits temporarily paused

Due to the serious and persistent nature of the risk in NSW, the Chief Health Officer will temporarily pause the issuing of Red Zone Permits from 11:59pm on Tuesday 20 July for two weeks. The decision will be reviewed in a fortnight.

For at least the next two weeks, Victorian residents in red zones, including the ACT, will require an [exemption](#) to enter the state – and these will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.

A person will still be able to enter Victoria from a red zone if they are aircrew, listed on the Specified Worker List, or transiting through Victoria to another jurisdiction.

If people enter Victoria from New South Wales without an [exemption](#), they will be put on a return flight or placed in 14 days mandatory quarantine. Fines of \$5,452 may be imposed if a person is found to have entered Victoria from a red zone without a permit.

Additions to Authorised Premises and Authorised Worker List

Minor changes will be made to the [Authorised Premises and Authorised Worker List](#) to include services that operate solely outdoors where physical distancing can be maintained at all times.

This includes outside construction, outdoor building and maintenance work (including outdoor renovations, outdoor cleaning and solar installations), landscaping and gardening, pet grooming mobile services and pamphlet delivery services.

Further details will be published the [Coronavirus website](#) soon.

Help stop the spread of COVID-19:

- Make sure everyone checks in everywhere, every time - all businesses and workplaces that remain open are required to use the [Victorian Government QR Code Service](#), unless an exemption applies.
- Get tested if you are ill - anyone with COVID-19 [symptoms](#) should [get tested](#) immediately.
- Support your workers to get vaccinated - appointments can be booked [here](#).
- Update your COVIDSafe Plan - every business with on-site operations must have a [COVIDSafe Plan](#). It's your list of safety actions.

For more information go to coronavirus.vic.gov.au or email us at icc@ecodev.vic.gov.au.

Regards,

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