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COVID-19 UPDATE: DENSITY LIMIT, DANCEFLOOR AND QR CODE RESTRICTIONS TO EASE

The Victorian Government [has announced](#) the easing of a number of restrictions and recommendations in place during the state's Omicron surge.

From 6pm Friday, 18 February 2022:

- density quotients of one person per two square metres in place at hospitality and entertainment venues will be removed
- indoor dancefloors at these venues can re-open
- QR code check-in requirements will **no longer** be in place at retail venues, schools (including childcare and early childhood) and for employees at many workplaces
- QR code check-in and vaccination check requirements **will remain** in all 'vaccinated economy' settings, such as hospitality and entertainment venues
- mandatory surveillance testing for key industries, including meat processing, will become recommended only
- requirements for hospital worker 'bubbles' will be removed, but health services may still implement them at their discretion
- international arrivals will no longer be required to obtain an international arrivals permit
- the 14-day hotel quarantine period for international visitors and aircrew who aren't fully vaccinated or medically exempt will reduce to seven days.

As community transmission of COVID-19 continues to fall throughout Victoria and vaccination coverage increases, the Minister for Health will consider changes to office-based settings from next week. The Minister will also consider easing existing mitigation strategies in office-based settings such as face mask requirements, with consideration to those who have received a third dose of the vaccine and the added protection that it provides.

Further details on the new restrictions will be published online at coronavirus.vic.gov.au.