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## **MILDURA ENTERS LOCKDOWN**

Victoria's Chief Health Officer has declared that the Mildura Rural City Council area entered a seven-day lockdown commencing from 11:59pm, Friday 8 October, with restrictions the same as those in metropolitan Melbourne (excluding the curfew).

Caseloads in Mildura have increased in recent days, with nine active cases in this Local Government Area (LGA) reported as of 8 October.

The public health teams are concerned about onward transmission in the Mildura area and have determined that the seven-day lockdown is needed to limit growth in cases.

Under the lockdown, you can only leave home for limited reasons: necessary goods and services, caregiving or compassionate reasons (including medical care and getting a COVID-19 test), authorised work or permitted education, exercise and outdoor social interaction in limited groups, and getting a COVID-19 vaccine locally.

You can't leave the Mildura Rural City Council area and travel elsewhere in regional Victoria other than for limited reasons, such as authorised work and permitted education, care and compassionate reasons, visiting an intimate partner, and necessary goods and services (only if they can't be obtained locally).

Locals are asked to be on high alert for symptoms and get tested if any develop. A rapid response testing team has been deployed to provide support to the region. Current local testing centres are available at Barratt and Smith Pathology sites on both Healthscope Court and Langtree Avenue.

In the Mildura local government area, more than 86 per cent of the population have had at least their first vaccination dose and more than 51 per cent have had both. In addition to our state clinics, local GP and pharmacies are offering COVID-19 vaccinations. Visit [COVID-19 Vaccines](#) for links to state-run, pharmacy and GP booking systems.

Please encourage your workers to book their vaccination today. To book an appointment visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au) or call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398. Victorians can also book a vaccine appointment through their doctor or pharmacist.

Regards,

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