

BULLETIN: 25/2021

ONE-WEEK CIRCUIT BREAKER LOCKDOWN IN VICTORIA

The [Victorian Government has announced](#) a move to circuit breaker restrictions from 11:59pm tonight, 27 May. These settings will remain in place until 11:59pm on 3 June but will end sooner if possible.

For a detailed overview of the changes, please see the [summary](#) of circuit breaker restrictions and list of authorised providers and authorised workers.

From 11:59pm tonight, there will be five reasons to leave home:

- food and supplies
- authorised work
- care and caregiving
- exercise, for up to two hours and with one other person
- getting vaccinated.

Exercise and shopping will be limited to five kilometres from home. If there are no shops in your 5km radius, you can travel to the ones closest to you. Shopping is also limited to one person per day, per household.

Face masks will need to be worn inside and outdoors – everywhere except your own home.

Childcare and kinder will remain open, but schools will need to close other than for the children of authorised workers and vulnerable kids.

Shops like supermarkets, food stores, bottle shops, banks, petrol stations and pharmacies will also remain open. Cafes and restaurants will be able to offer takeaway only. Gyms, hairdressers, community facilities and entertainment venues will all close. Non-essential retail may only open for click and collect.

Hotels and accommodation can only stay open to support guests already staying on-site. No new bookings can be made unless it is for a permitted purpose, like authorised work.

Important information for businesses

[Cleaning](#), [signage](#), [record keeping](#), and other [COVIDSafe requirements](#) continue to apply for all venues and facilities with on-site operations.

All businesses are encouraged to use the [Victorian Government QR Code Service](#) and to ensure that customers check in. It is mandatory for some sectors to use the Victorian Government QR Code Service – a full list can be found [here](#).

Your business must have an active, up-to-date [COVIDSafe Plan](#). Businesses that fail to do the right thing face significant fines.

Important information for councils

If you can work from home, you must work from home. Council outdoor workers, waste services and recycling and transfer stations workers, local laws officers and essential depot staff are permitted to continue working on site. There is no requirement for councils to issue permits to essential workers.

Council meetings must take place virtually, with only essential support staff allowed on site to facilitate meetings.

Community facilities such as libraries, toy libraries, swimming pools and leisure centres must close. Libraries are able to operate a click and collect service.

Outdoor playgrounds remain open. Community sport is not permitted.

Vaccinations

From tomorrow, Friday 28 May, all Victorians over the age of 40 will be eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Victorians aged 40-49 years will be able to access the Pfizer vaccine at state-run vaccination sites. People aged 40-49 years receiving the Pfizer vaccine must book an appointment by calling the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398. This is essential as not all vaccination centres will have the Pfizer vaccine available.

Victorians aged 50 years and over will continue to receive the AstraZeneca vaccine, either through a state-run vaccination centre or a participating GP clinic. [Find your nearest site.](#)

Stay up to date

Stay up to date with the latest [exposure sites](#). Anyone with symptoms should get tested immediately. The list of [testing sites](#) includes wait times.

For more information go to coronavirus.vic.gov.au or call the Business Victoria hotline on 13 22 15.

Regards

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