

Bulletin

Industry Divisions



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Dear member

Yesterday Premier Daniel Andrews announced further stage 4 restrictions for Metropolitan Melbourne that are aimed at industries where onsite operations will have to close for the next six weeks as of 11:59pm Wednesday, 5 August.

The Premier also provided a list of industries that are permitted to operate albeit under different conditions. A list of those businesses is expanded upon below.

Businesses permitted to remain open for on-site work will be required to implement a COVID Safe Plan focused on safety, prevention, and response in the event a coronavirus outbreak is linked to your workplace by 11:59 Friday, 7 August. If you are unsure of this process you should call VACC OHSE on 03 9829 1265.

VACC continues to have a strong dialogue with government and is committed to ensuring the automotive supply chain remains open where it is safe to do so.

Read the full statement from the Premier [here](#).

Stay at home restrictions for Metropolitan Melbourne

VACC has received numerous enquiries relating to the 5km rule for metro Melbourne.

The latest stay at home directions state that a person, who ordinarily resides in the restricted area under stage 4 lockdown, must not travel further than 5km from their premises to obtain any goods or services including automotive specific services.

However, this does not preclude you undertaking the following, providing you have strict protocols in place, such as:

- operating a pickup and drop off service
- the customer can arrange for the delivery of their vehicle to your workplace, or:
- offering an end to end touchless transaction process.

Important note regarding the stay at home directions

It is important to note that the current Stay at [Home Directions No. 7](#) state that “*if it is not reasonably practicable for a person to obtain the necessary goods and services from within the 5km zone, then this rule would not apply*”.

(See s 5, Part 1(AC)(B)(ii) of the Stay at Homes Directions No 7).

i.e. repairs on a vehicle requires a specialist or a brand specific workplace to perform the necessary repairs.

For more information regarding Stage 4 restrictions for Metropolitan Melbourne and Stage 3 restrictions for regional Victoria click [here](#).

For a full list of workplaces that are closed for on-site work, or open for on-site work click [here](#).

Permitted workplaces & services relating to VACC member businesses (extract from Government list):

Sector	OPEN (FOR ON-SITE WORK) with a COVID SAFE PLAN
Agricultural – Farm Machinery Dealers & Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture and farming support businesses, including trades services and contracting businesses.
Manufacturing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy truck manufacturing • Transport equipment manufacturing (critical to public transport service; spare parts manufacturing critical to continuity of service)
Retail Trade (Goods)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motor vehicle parts for emergency repairs only – Parts retailers and suppliers can remain open for trade only. • Agricultural retailers (drive through only) • Where contactless delivery is possible, the provider can operate for the purposes of contactless delivery but cannot be open to the public. • Fuel retailing & convenience stores • Retailers working on-site for the purpose of fulfilling on-line orders.
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road transport (passenger and freight) • Transport support services • Vehicle repair, servicing and maintenance (supporting transport services only) • Towing services
Rental Hiring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental and Hiring Services, where supplying permitted service or industry. i.e. vehicle rental for transport sector, ridesharing, freight etc..
Other Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motor vehicle and machinery repair by exception i.e. emergency breakdowns • Automotive, machinery and equipment repair and maintenance are permitted to operate where providing support to a permitted service or industry or where required to maintain the health and safety of Victorians at home or at work. (this includes mechanical, electrical, and collision repair work)

Workplaces not permitted to open under Stage 4 Restrictions

Sector	CLOSED (FOR ON-SITE WORK)
Wholesale Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motor Vehicle and Motor Vehicle Parts Wholesaling
Retail Trade (Goods)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New and used motor vehicle dealerships unless where contactless delivery is possible, the provider can operate for the purposes of contactless delivery but cannot be open to the public for the retail sale of motor vehicles. • Pre-existing orders can be fulfilled provided they are delivery only.

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