

Lockdown restrictions extended to City of Greater Shepparton and Shire of Moorabool

Victoria's Acting Chief Health Officer has [announced](#), that with the **exception of curfews**, the **current restrictions** in place in **Metropolitan Melbourne** have been extended to the **City of Greater Shepparton and the Shire of Moorabool from 11:59pm 1 October 2021**.

Accordingly, within Metropolitan Melbourne, Mitchell Shire, City of Latrobe, **City of Greater Shepparton** and **Shire of Moorabool** the reasons for people to leave their home are now limited to:

- getting necessary goods or services
- care or other compassionate reasons
- exercise (which will increase to 4 hours per day), and which will be expanded to include outdoor social interaction
- authorised work and permitted education if it can't be done from home
- to get vaccinated at the nearest possible location (and other specified reasons).

The travel limit on exercise and accessing necessary goods or services in these areas are **15 kilometres from home** – or the closest location (if not within the 15 kilometre radius).

Members are reminded that the following automotive industry businesses can continue to operate under current COVIDSafe settings within the above areas as **authorised providers and workers**:

- Petrol stations, including a petrol station that sells groceries
- Vehicle and mechanical repair services
- Contactless 'Click and collect/deliver' services
- Emergency repair workers
- Roadside assistance services
- Ancillary and support businesses, where necessary for the operations of an authorised provider
- Administrative services provided by an employer to enable its employees to work from home – e.g. payroll and IT services
- Truck stops and roadhouses, but not the provision of seated dining or shower facilities to persons who are not transport, freight or logistics drivers.

Directions to give effect to the Victorian Premier's mandatory vaccination announcement have not yet been issued

Members are reminded of our last [Bulletin](#), which updated members on the Victorian Premier's announcement regarding **mandatory vaccination** requirements for all Victorian workers on the **Authorised Worker list** who cannot work at home, must have had their first COVID-19 vaccine dose by **15 October 2021** – and be fully vaccinated by **26 November 2021** to work onsite, unless an exemption or exception applies.

Members are advised that the **Directions** that will give effect to the Victorian Premier's mandatory vaccination announcement have **not yet been issued**. VACC will update members with the details once the Directions are available, together with guidance material to assist members through the process – including strategies to assist where an employee refuses to comply with the Directions. In the interim **VACC understands that the issue of mandatory vaccinations is a contentious and divisive one** for a number of members and their employees – and notes that whilst VACC takes its responsibility to keep members up-to-date on developments regarding COVID-19 very seriously,

such updates should not be viewed as an official 'endorsement' (or otherwise) by VACC of the decision. VACC continues to engage with Government regarding these issues, including the lack of consultation with industry prior to such significant decisions being made.

VACC will continue to keep members advised of developments. Members needing further advice or assistance are encouraged to contact VACC's Workplace Relations team on 03 9829 1123.

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