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Update - Metro-Regional Work Travel Permit Scheme Revoked

Further to our last [Bulletin](#), VACC advises members that the Metro-Regional Work Travel Permit Scheme Directions were [revoked](#) with effect from 11:59pm on 8 November 2020. As a result, there is no longer a requirement for a person travelling between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria for work to hold a permit. In addition, [Stay Safe Directions \(Victoria\)](#) also took effect from 11:59pm on 8 November 2020, revoking the previous travel distance restrictions that applied in metropolitan Melbourne.

Members are reminded that whilst these highly anticipated loosening of restrictions have now taken effect, requirements under the updated [Workplace Directions \(No 9\)](#) remain in place, including that employers take reasonable steps to ensure their workers wear a face covering at all times when working at a work premises, unless an exemption applies.

COVIDSafe plan requirements also remain in effect, meaning employers **must** have a COVID Safe Plan in place that strictly follow the COVID Safe principles that mandate that you:

- ensure physical distancing (i.e. 1.5m apart and 'four square metre rule')
- wear a fitted face mask
- practice good hygiene
- keep thorough records and act quickly if staff become unwell should avoid interactions in enclosed spaces
- should create workforce bubbles.

In addition to ensuring that the COVIDSafe Plan is being strictly adhered to in the workplace, an employer must also comply with any direction given by an Authorised Officer or WorkSafe inspector to modify a COVIDSafe Plan.

Member seeking further information on COVIDSafe Plan requirements are encouraged to review VACC's recent [OHSE Bulletin](#).

Members needing further advice or assistance are encouraged to contact VACC's Workplace Relations team on 03 9829 1123 or ir@vacc.com.au.

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