
New COVIDSafe Settings to take effect in Victoria from 11:59pm Thursday, 10 June 2021

The Acting Victorian Premier has today released a [Statement](#) announcing that an easing of the current 'circuit breaker' restrictions will take effect **from 11:59pm Thursday 10 June until 11:59pm Thursday 17 June 2021**.

Under the new [Table of Restrictions](#), people will be able to leave their homes **for any reason**.

For Metropolitan Melbourne, whilst there will no longer be any restrictions on reasons for leaving home, a travel limit of 25km from home will apply. Travel outside the 25km limit will only be permitted:

- to access necessary goods and services where those goods and services cannot be accessed closer than 25km from home
- to visit an intimate partner, or person in their 'single bubble'
- for work and education
- care and compassionate reasons

Travel from **Metropolitan Melbourne to Regional Victoria** and from **Regional Victoria to Metropolitan Melbourne** will remain prohibited, **except** for:

- work or education
- necessary goods and services
- care and compassionate reasons
- to receive COVID-19 vaccination at the nearest vaccination centre from home.

All automotive business workplaces in both Metropolitan Melbourne and Regional Victoria may open subject to the following applicable COVIDSafe Requirements:

- **face coverings** – face masks to be worn indoors, and outdoors where 1.5 metres physical distancing is unable to be maintained
- **density quotient of one person per 4 square metres** in shared spaces and publicly accessible areas at the work premises – and in addition:
 - those operating those operating **food and drink facilities** (e.g. roadhouses) will be able to provide seated dining service with a maximum patron cap in **Regional Victoria** of 150 people per venue (75 indoors and maximum group size of 10); and in **Metropolitan Melbourne** of 100 people per venue (50 indoors and maximum group size of 10).
 - those operating in an **office work environment** in **Regional Victoria** will be able to have a 50% return (or up to 20 people if total workplace is 40 or less); and in **Metropolitan Melbourne** a 25% return (or up to 10 people if total workplace is 40 or less).

- electronic record keeping through **Victorian Government QR Code App** (see previous [Bulletin](#) for further information) **will be required in all Victorian workplaces** (with very limited exemptions) for customers, visitors and employees. Further details will be released next week, following Government consultation with industry bodies
- **COVIDSafe Plan** requirements continue to apply.

VACC recommends that the recent changes provide a good opportunity to review your COVIDSafe Plan to ensure it remains current and the requirements are being adhered to and communicated with all relevant staff. Members are encouraged to contact the VACC OHSE Unit for any further information or assistance, including in relation to their [CovidSafe Plan obligations](#) on 03 9829 1265.

Members will continue to be updated should further detail be released by the Victorian Government in the coming days. In the interim, members seeking 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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