

Updated Pandemic Orders give effect to easing of density and QR Code COVIDSafe Settings

Further to our last [Bulletin](#), updated Pandemic Orders made by the Minister for Health became operative from **6pm 18 February 2022** – with a common expiry date of **11:59pm 12 April 2022**.

The changes give effect to the Victorian Premier's announcement of last week regarding the removal of density quotients for hospitality venues and the removal of QR code check-in requirements for retail venues and for employees in many workplaces.

For the automotive industry, the new Pandemic Orders confirm that use of the Victorian Government's QR code check-in (for customers and workers) and vaccination status checks (of customers) now only apply to operators of food and drink facilities (e.g. cafes and restaurants).

Members can access the updated Pandemic Orders of relevance below:

- [Pandemic \(Open Premises\) Order 2022 \(No. 5\)](#)
- [Pandemic \(Workplace\) Order 2022 \(No. 5\)](#)

Members can access a summary of current COVID-19 testing, isolation and notification requirement FAQs [here](#).

Members are reminded that all other **COVIDSettings remain in effect**, which include employer requirements in relation to COVIDSafe Plans, face masks, record-keeping (e.g. vaccination status of specified workers) and signage.

As previously noted, **Authorised Officers are continuing random audits** on businesses throughout Victoria. Businesses who are unable to demonstrate their compliance (e.g. completed COVIDSafe Plan and/or vaccination status register of relevant employees, including working directors) for inspection on request, face an **on-the-spot fine** of up to **\$10,904** or up to **\$21,809** for serious offences. VACC encourages members to contact the **VACC OHSE Unit on 03 9829 1265** should they require any assistance.

VACC will continue to engage with Victorian Government officials and will keep members advised of developments. In the interim, members seeking further information are encouraged to contact VACC's Workplace Relations team on 03 9829 1123 or ir@vacc.com.au.

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