

Victorian Minister for Health announces significant easing of COVIDSafe Settings

The Minister for Health, Martin Foley, has today [announced](#) a significant further easing of COVIDSafe settings in the State of Victoria.

The following changes will affect the **automotive industry** from **11:59pm, Friday 22 April 2022**:

- Close contacts of persons tested positive to COVID-19, will **no longer** have to quarantine – provided they **wear a mask indoors** and avoid sensitive settings. They will also need to undertake **at least five negative rapid antigen tests** over the seven days (that would previously have been known as the self-quarantine period). **Positive COVID-19 cases will still be required to self-isolate at home for 7 days.**
- Masks will **no longer** be required in retail premises (**including food and drink premises**).
- Persons are **exempt from testing or quarantine for 12 weeks** if they have had COVID-19 – an increase from 8 weeks.
- Vaccination requirements of customers attending venues will no longer apply (**e.g. food or drink premises**).
- The requirement for staff and patrons of venues to check-in using the Service Victoria app, maintain attendance records, or a check-in marshal will no longer apply (**e.g. food or drink premises**).
- Individuals will be required to notify their workplace contacts, in addition to informing their social contacts. Workplaces will **no longer** have to individually identify and notify each potentially exposed worker.

It is important to note that there is no change to the existing requirements for COVIDSafe Plans and vaccination mandates for workers.

VACC will provide a further update once the new pandemic orders giving effect to today's announcement have been released and reviewed in detail, **including a revised Frequently Asked Questions document.**

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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