

Victorian Premier announces modest easing of certain COVIDSafe Setting restrictions

The Victorian Premier has [announced](#) that **from 6pm tomorrow**, 18 February 2022, new pandemic orders will be issued by the Minister for Health.

The Victorian Premier's announcement states that the pandemic orders will **remove density quotients** of one person per two square metres for hospitality venues; and **remove QR code check-in requirements** for patrons at retail venues and for employees at 'many workplaces'.

However, **QR code check-in and vaccination check-in** requirements will **remain in all 'vaccinated economy' settings** – which relevantly for the automotive industry, currently includes **food and drink facilities** (e.g. cafes and restaurants).

In addition, the Victorian Premier also indicated an intention to remove indoor face mask wearing requirements for office environments from Friday, 25 February 2022, these measures are likely to be announced to further encourage a return of office workers back to the office.

VACC will provide a further update once the new Pandemic Orders giving effect to the announcement have been released and reviewed in detail.

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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