

BULLETIN

Workplace Relations



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Lockdown to be lifted in Regional Victoria from 11:59pm tonight

The Victorian Premier has today [announced](#) that the lockdown will be lifted in **Regional Victoria** at 11:59pm Monday 9 August 2021, with details on the COVIDSafe settings provided in the updated [Table of Restrictions](#) released by the Victorian Government.

There is no change to current lockdown restrictions in Metropolitan Melbourne.

In summary, in **Regional Victoria**, the current 'five reasons' stay at home requirement will be removed. However, travel to Metropolitan Melbourne will remain restricted to permitted reasons (with Metropolitan Melbourne restrictions required to be followed when in Metropolitan Melbourne). In addition, **Vic-NSW cross border community residents** in an extreme risk zone will be able to enter Victoria without a permit for a permitted reason, as specified in the updated Table of Restrictions.

All automotive business workplaces in **Regional Victoria** may operate subject to the following applicable COVIDSafe Requirements:

Face coverings

Must be carried at all times and **worn indoors and outdoors** except if at home, or when visiting an intimate partner's place of residence or if an exemption applies.

Density quotients

Density quotients in shared spaces and publicly accessible areas at the work premises of **1 person per 4 square metres** – and in addition:

- **food and drink facilities** (e.g. roadhouses) - seated service only with a maximum patron cap of 100 people per venue. A venue smaller than 100 square metres can have up to 25 people in venue before density quotient applies. COVID Check-in Marshals required to ensure attendees check-in.
- **general retail facilities** – a venue smaller than 100 square metres can have up to 25 people in venue before density quotient applies.
- **office work environments** will be able to have a 25% return (or up to 10 people if total workplace is 40 or less).

QR Code Requirements

The electronic record keeping requirements through **Victorian Government QR Code Service** continue to apply, including the requirements to make reasonable efforts to ensure people check-in and to prominently display signage at each entrance so that members of the public can check-in.

COVIDSafe Plan

VACC recommend that COVIDSafe Plans should be reviewed to ensure it remains current and that cleaning, signage, record-keeping and other applicable 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.

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