

## Tasmania Reopens Today – Operating your business in a ‘COVID Vaccinated Economy’

Tasmania’s response to COVID-19 transitions from zero cases to living in a ‘COVID-19 vaccinated community’ as of today, Wednesday, 15 December 2021, when Tasmania’s borders reopen.

This means your business needs to be prepared by having a [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) to keep your workers and customers safe, as well as an [Outbreak Management Plan](#) that outlines how your business will respond to a positive case of COVID-19 in your workplace.

### What happens if there is a positive case in your business?

If Public Health notifies you that a confirmed COVID-19 case is linked to your workplace, they will work with you to identify what you need to do to protect other people and continue normal activities within your business as soon and as safely as possible.

The initial steps Public Health may ask you to take are to:

1. **Review and activate your COVID-19 Safety Plan and/or Outbreak Management Plan .**
2. **Instruct people in your setting to wear face masks.**
3. **Support Public Health contact tracing** by collecting and providing any additional staffing and visitor information that has not been collected via the Check in TAS app. This may include staffing rosters, manual check in/visitor log sheets or spreadsheets.
4. **Advise any contacts you may identify to quarantine at home** and follow the [quarantine instructions](#). Public Health will provide additional instructions in the following days.
5. **Liaise with Public Health to coordinate appropriate communications** about the case or outbreak to other people who are associated with your workplace, such as staff, visitors, contractors and customers.
6. **Organise cleaning and disinfection** of frequently touched areas, as outlined in your COVID-19 Safety Plan. Read about [cleaning and disinfection after a case](#)
7. **Continue to encourage COVID-safe behaviours** including physical distancing, hand hygiene, advising staff and visitors to stay at home if unwell, and covering coughs and sneezes.

**If the confirmed case is an employee of yours, you may also be required by law to notify [WorkSafe Tasmania](#) of the case.**

If you need to contact the Public Health Hotline, you can do so by calling 1800 671 738.

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