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**DATE:** 27 May 2021  
**SUBJECT:** COVIDSafe Update – Victorian Restrictions  
**ATTENTION:** Chief Executive Officer

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Acting Victorian Premier James Merlino this morning announced a snap **state-wide seven-day lockdown** until 11.59pm on Thursday 3 June.

From **11.59pm tonight, 27 May 2021**, Victoria will move to Stage 4 restrictions as follows:


- There will be **5** permitted reasons to leave home:
  - Shopping for necessary goods and services within 5km of home, unless nearest shops are further– one household member once per day
  - To get vaccinated (40-49 year old age group now eligible for a vaccine, including Pfizer where available)
  - Caregiving and compassionate reasons
  - Authorised work or permitted education
  - Exercising for 2 hours per day outside of the home (with household members, intimate partner or one other person who is not from a person’s household or their intimate partner)
- Masks will be compulsory everywhere except for in the home unless an exemption applies
- The 5km from home limit will apply except for permitted work, unless there is a need for essential items beyond that distance.

#### **Detail of the restrictions**

- There will be no private or public gatherings or visits to anyone’s home (except bubbles for single person households).
- Hospitality will be closed except for take-away.
- There will be no visits to residential aged care facilities other than in limited circumstances.
- Hospital visits will be restricted to circumstances of giving birth, end of life, accompanying a child.
- Schools will be closed except for vulnerable students or whose parents/carers are permitted workers.
- Higher education will be closed.
- All non-essential retail will close (does not include supermarkets, bottle shops, pharmacies) – click and collect available.

- Other than online, there will be no real estate inspections or auctions.
- Place of worship will be closed (other than for broadcasting services); there will be no religious gatherings; funerals will be limited to 10 people (indoor or outdoor); and there will be no weddings except where compassionate grounds apply.
- Venues that must close include hairdressers; indoor and outdoor pools; gyms; libraries (click and collect available); entertainment venues; creative studios; play centres; community centres.
- Childcare, kindergartens and early childcare centres will remain open.
- Other than essential/permitted workers, everyone must work from home.

**If you have any questions or if you require further information, please contact the SIAG National Advisory Service on 03 9644 1400 or 1300 (SIAG HR) / 1300 742 447.**



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