
CIRCULAR: GEN/144/NAT/144/21
DATE: 16 June 2021
SUBJECT: COVIDSafe Update – Relaxation of restrictions
ATTENTION: Chief Executive Officer

Acting Victorian Premier James Merlino announced today a further relaxation of current restrictions for both Metropolitan Melbourne and Regional Victoria.

Restrictions - Melbourne

From 11:59pm on 17 June 2021, the following will apply in Melbourne:

- The 25 km travel limit that has been in place for the last seven days will be removed and travel between Melbourne and Regional Victoria will resume;
- People are able to have up to two people plus dependents visit their home once per day;
- Public gatherings, up to a maximum of 20 people, will be permitted;
- Masks will not be required outdoors, unless social distancing of 1.5 metres is not possible. Masks will still be required indoors;
- Weddings will have a cap of 20 people;
- Funerals will have a cap of 75 mourners;
- Religious gatherings will have a cap of 150 people, with a maximum of 75 people indoors and subject to a density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm;
- If travelling from Melbourne to the Alpine region, people will have to get a COVID test within 72 hours prior to departing from Melbourne and will be required to show proof of a negative result as a condition of entry onto the ski fields (children under two years old exempt);
- Employees should work from home where they are able to do so. If returning to an office, there is a cap of 50% of the workforce, or up to 20 people if total workplace consists of 40 people or less.

Summary of Restrictions by Industry

Industry	Restriction from 11:59pm, 17 June 2021
Retail	Open, subject to a density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm
Hairdressing, beauty and personal care	Open, subject to a density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm. Permitted to remove masks for services.
Physical recreation and sport	Open, subject to density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm. Maximum venue capacity of 150 people, with no more than 50 people indoors. The maximum group size is 10 people indoors and 20 people outdoors. There is no venue limit if 100m distance can be maintained between groups (i.e. golf).

Community Sport	Open for all ages for training and competition. Limited to minimum number of people required to participate in and facilitate activity and must be within venue limits. Spectators not allowed (Parents, guardians, teachers, coaches, umpires etc excluded).
Indoor Entertainment Venues	Indoor seated entertainment will be open up to a maximum of 75 people per venue and up to 50% of seated capacity, with a group limit of 10 people. Density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm applies. Indoor non-seated entertainment is open up to a maximum of 75 people per venue with a density quotient of 1 person per sqm.
Outdoor Entertainment Venues	Open, subject to density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm. Where outdoor entertainment has fixed seating, up to 50% of seated capacity applies with a maximum of 150 people per venue. In relation to non-seated outdoor venues, there is a cap of 1000 people with groups capped at 20 people.
Electronic Gaming	Open, subject to density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm. Maximum number of people is 50 per venue. Either every second machine must be closed, or 1.5m must be maintained between machines.
Hospitality (food and drink facilities and food courts)	Open for seated service only, with a maximum patron cap of 150 people per venue with no more than 75 people indoors. Group sizes must be limited to 10 people. Venues can have up to 25 people before the density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm applies.
Real Estate	Auctions: maximum patron cap of 50 people outdoors; Inspections: maximum of 10 people, subject to density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm.
Aged Care and Residential Care Facilities	No visitors are permitted, except for end-of-life reasons and essential care and support. Non-essential contractors are restricted from entry. A visit from a prospective resident is permitted with no more than one person accompanying.
Hospitals and health care settings	No visitors are permitted, other than for end-of-life reasons, to support a partner for birth or for a parent to accompany a child. Non-essential contractors are restricted from entry.

Restrictions – Regional Victoria

From 11:59pm on 17 June 2021, the following will apply in Regional Victoria:

- Prohibition against traveling to metropolitan Melbourne will be removed;
- People are able to have up to five people plus their dependents visit their home once per day;
- Public gatherings will be increased to 50 people;
- Religious gatherings will be increased to 300 people, subject to a density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm.
- Funerals can be held with a maximum of 100 people while the cap for weddings will increase to 50 people;
- Masks will not be required outdoors, unless social distancing of 1.5 metres is not possible. Masks will still be required indoors;

- Employees should work from home where they are able to do so. If returning to an office, there is a cap of 75% of the workforce or, up to 30 people if total workplace consists of 40 people or less.

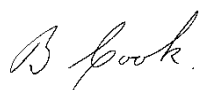
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Industry	Restrictions from 11:59pm, 17 June 2021
Retail	Open, subject to a density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm.
Hairdressing, beauty and personal care	Open, subject to a density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm. Masks are permitted to be removed for such services.
Physical recreation and sport	Open, subject to density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm. The maximum venue capacity is 300 people per indoor space and an outdoor patron cap of 1000 people. The maximum group size is 50 people indoors.
Community Sport	Open for all ages for training and competition. It is limited to the number of people required to participate in and facilitate the activity and must be within venue limits. Spectators must also be within venue limits.
Indoor entertainment venues	Indoor entertainment with fixed seating is open up to 50% capacity with a maximum of 300 people per space. Indoor non-seated entertainment is open up to a maximum of 300 people per space. There is a density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm.
Outdoor Entertainment	Density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm. Where outdoor entertainment has fixed seating, up to 75% of seated capacity applies with a maximum of 1000 people per venue. In relation to non-seated outdoor venues, group sizes are to be a maximum of 50 people with no more than 1000 people per space.
Electronic Gaming	A maximum of 300 people per venue with density quotients of 1 person per 4 sqm. Every second machine must be closed or there must be at least 1.5m between each machine.
Hospitality (food and drink facilities and food courts)	Permitted to be open for seated services only, with a maximum patron cap of 300 people per venue. There can be a maximum of 50 people in a group and a density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm applies. Venues with less than 600 sqm can operate with the lesser of the density quotient (1 person per 4sqm) or a venue cap of 150 people, provided they have a Covid Marshall at the entrance to confirm 'green tick' check in before entry. Venues can have up to 25 people before the density quotient applies. Food courts are open up to 300 people in a single food court with a density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm.
Real Estate	Auctions and Inspections permitted, subject to a density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm.

Aged Care and Residential Facilities	No visitors permitted, except for end-of-life reasons and essential care and support. Non-essential contractors are restricted from entry. A visit from a prospective resident is permitted with no more than one person accompanying.
Hospitals and health care settings	No visitors permitted, other than for end-of-life reasons, to support a partner for birth or for a parent to accompany a child. Non-essential contractors are restricted from entry.

We **attach** a copy of the updated Table of Restrictions and the Acting Premier's announcement of today for your information.

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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