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DATE: 23 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 - Victoria

From 11:59pm on 24 June 2021, the following will apply across Victoria for at least two weeks:

- Masks remain required indoors and while outdoors where social distancing of 1.5 metres is not possible;
- People are able to have up to 15 people including dependents, visit their home per day;
- Public gatherings, up to a maximum of 50 people, will be permitted;
- Accommodation bookings permit 15 people plus the booking household;
- Weddings will have a cap of 300 people, subject to density limits;
- Funerals will have a cap of 300 mourners, subject to density limits;
- Physical recreation and sporting venues will be able to have up to 300 people per indoor space and 1,000 outdoors, subject to density limits;
- Seated entertainment venues increase capacity to 75% maximum 300 indoors and 1000 outdoors;
- Visitor limits at hospital and care facilities will increase to two people at one time and a maximum of five people per day, but some facilities may have their own rules in place;
- 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, it is a recommendation only (not mandatory) that people get a COVID test;
- Employees can return to offices subject to a cap of 75% of the workforce or 30 people whichever is the greater, subject to density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm;
- Outdoor stadiums will be permitted to be at 50 per cent capacity, meaning 25,000 people will be able to attend AFL games at the MCG, and 15,000 people will be able to attend the A-League Grand Final at AAMI Park. Capacity will increase to 85% (subject to advice) from 11:59pm 1 July;
- Theatres will return to 50 per cent capacity, to a maximum of 1,000 people and capacity will increase to 100% (subject to advice) from 11:59pm 1 July.

Summary of Restrictions by Industry

Industry	Restriction from 11:59pm, 23 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 sporting venues	Open, subject to density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm. Maximum venue capacity of 300 people indoors and 1000 outdoors.
	There is no venue limit if 100m distance can be maintained between groups (i.e. golf).
Community Sport	Open for all ages, training and competition, subject to density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm.
	Maximum venue capacity 300 people per indoor space and 1,000 people outdoors.
Indoor Entertainment Venues	Open up to 75% of seated capacity up to a maximum of 300 people per space.
	Open to a maximum of 300 people per space, subject to density quotient of 1 person per 4 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 25,000 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 300 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)	Venues less than 600sqm can operate at 1 per person per 2 sqm density, with a cap of 300 people.
	Maximum patron cap 300 density of 1 person per 4 sqm.
Real Estate	No patron cap, subject to density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm.
Aged Care and Residential Care Facilities	Two visitors at a time up to five per day, except for end of life (two per time with no limit per day).
Hospitals and health care settings	Two visitors at a time up to five per day, except for end of life (two per time with no limit per day).

Restrictions - Regional Victoria

From 11:59pm on 24 June 2021, the following will apply in Regional Victoria:

- Masks will not be required outdoors, unless social distancing of 1.5 metres is not possible. Masks will still be required indoors;
- Employees can return to work, there is a cap of 75% of the workforce or, up to 30 people if total workplace consists of 40 people or less, subject to density quotient of 1 per 2 sqm.

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Industry	Restrictions from 11:59pm, 24 June 2021
Retail	Open, subject to a density quotient of 1 person per 2 sqm.
Hairdressing, beauty and personal care	Open, subject to a density quotient of 1 person per 2 sqm. Masks are permitted to be removed for such services.
Physical recreation and sport	Open, subject to density quotient of 1 person per 2 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 75% 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 2 sqm.
Outdoor Entertainment	Density quotient of 1 person per 2 sqm.
	Where outdoor entertainment has fixed seating, up to 75% of seated capacity applies with a maximum of 1000 people per venue.
Electronic Gaming	Density quotients of 1 person per 2 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)	Density quotient of 1 person per 2 sqm applies.
Real Estate	Auctions and Inspections permitted, subject to a density quotient of 1 person per 2 sqm.
Aged Care and Residential Facilities	Two visitors at a time up to five per day, except for end of life (two per time with no limit per day).
Hospitals and health care settings	Two visitors at a time up to five per day, except for end of life (two per time with no limit per day).

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