CIRCULAR: GEN/150/NAT/150/21

DATE: 7 July 2021

SUBJECT: Victorian COVID-19 Restrictions Update

ATTENTION: Chief Executive Officer

Earlier today, the Victorian Government announced a further easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

With effect from **11.59pm Thursday, 8 July 2021**, the Government has announced that the following <u>changes</u> to COVID-19 restrictions will apply:

- Masks will no longer be mandatory in Victorian schools and private workplaces with no public interaction (masks will continue to be required in indoor, public-facing settings / workplaces);
- Workplaces where there is no interaction with the public will be subject to a density limit of one person per 2 square metres;
- Hospitality venues, gyms, physical recreation venues, community facilities, creative studios
 and places of worship who <u>have</u> a COVID check-in marshal on site will be able to apply the
 same density limits as those currently applying in regional Victoria (one person per 2
 square metres with no overall cap);
 - if a COVID check-in marshal is not present the density limit will be 1 person per 4 square metres;

The 'COVID check-in marshal' is a person who ensures that people are checking into the venue on arrival.

- Hospitality venues can have 50 people on the dance floor provided a COVID check-in marshal is present;
- Weddings and funerals will have a 300 person limit subject to venue density caps;
- Outdoor stadiums will be permitted to be at 75 per cent capacity, with a cap of 40,000 people;
- Public gatherings are permitted up to 50 people; and
- Real estate auctions and inspections are permitted with a density limit of 1 person per 2 square metres if a COVID check-in marshal is present, otherwise the limit is 1 person per 4 square metres.

Those restrictions that have not been altered will remain in force – for example, the cap the cap on visitors to homes will remain at 15 people (including dependents) per day and masks must still be carried at all times. See Circular 147.NAT.147.21 for full summary of restrictions.

It has been announced that the above restrictions would remain in place for 14 days, subject to public health advice.

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There is likely to be further detail in the updated Directions from the Government, which have not yet been published. SIAG will publish updates upon release of additional information and detail.

No changes to the restrictions affecting regional Victoria were announced.

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. The Information provided in this email is generic advice. For advice in respect of your specific situation please contact us.

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