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SUBJECT: Victorian COVID-19 Restrictions Update
ATTENTION: Chief Executive Officer

Victoria has announced a relaxation of restrictions and the lifting of the state wide lockdown which will apply from **11:59pm Tuesday 27 July 2021**.

Amongst the changes announced, *state wide* from **11:59pm Tuesday 27 July 2021**:

- the five kilometre from home radius will be removed;
- Victorians will be able to leave their homes for any reason;
- masks must be carried at all times and will continue to be required everywhere indoors and outdoors (except private residences), unless an exception applies;
- restaurants and cafes can open for seated service;
- entertainment venues and community facilities will open in line with density limits;
- the Authorised Worker List will no longer apply, meaning businesses and venues can reopen with capacity and density limits of 1 person per 4sqm applying;
- Victoria will return to the rule that 'if you can work from home, you should work from home', but office workers will be able to return up to 25% or up to 10 people, whichever is greater – the density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm will apply;
- public gatherings will be allowed with up to 10 people, with infants under 12 months not included in the cap;
- gatherings in the home are still not permitted; and
- physical recreation facilities, including gyms, will all open with density requirements of 1 person per 4sqm.

Summary of Restrictions

		State wide change (from 11:59pm Tuesday 27 July 2021)
Indoor	fixed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open up to a maximum of 100 people per space.• Group limit of 10 people.• Density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm applies in non-seated areas.• COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure attendees check-in.
seated entertainment		
Outdoor	fixed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open up to a maximum of 300 people per outdoor space.• Group limit of 10 people.• Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies in non-seated areas.• COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure attendees check-in.
seated entertainment		

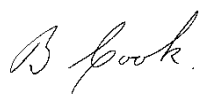
Indoor non-seated entertainment venues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to a maximum of 100 people per space. • Group limit of 10 people. • Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies. • COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure attendees check-in.
Outdoor non-seated venues (entertainment and leisure)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to a maximum of 300 people per space. • Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies. • Group limit of 10 people. • COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure attendees check-in.
Arcades, escape rooms, bingo centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to a maximum of 100 people per venue. • Group limit of 10 people. • Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies. • COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure attendees check-in.
Retail betting venues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to a maximum of 100 people per venue. • Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies. • COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure attendees check-in.
Electronic gaming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to a maximum of 100 people per venue. • Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies. • Every second machine closed or 1.5m between machines. • COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure attendees check-in.
Community facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open with a density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm. • Maximum 100 people per indoor space and 300 people per outdoor space. • Maximum group size: 10 people. • COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure attendees check-in.
Physical recreation & sport, including swimming pools, play centres, skateparks, trampolining centres	<p>Physical recreation & sport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open. • Maximum patron cap of 100 people per space indoors and 300 per space outdoors. • Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm. COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure attendees check-in. • Group limit of 10 people. <p>Community sport:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for all ages, training and competition. • Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies. • Limited to minimum number of people required to participate in and facilitate the activity (i.e. players, coaches). <p>Spectators not allowed (excludes people necessary for events such as teachers, instructors, trainers, coaches, umpires, carers, parents and guardians).</p>
General retail	<p>All retail:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open. • Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies. • Check-in required. • A venue smaller than 100sqm can have up to 25 people per venue before density quotient applies. <p>Auction houses:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A maximum patron cap of 100 people per venue. • COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure attendees check-in.
Hairdressing, beauty, personal care	<p>Hairdressing, beauty, personal care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open. • Can remove mask for services. • Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies. • QR code check-ins are required. • Venues can have up to 25 patrons before the density quotient applies.
Hospitality	<p>Food and drink facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open for seated service only with a maximum patron cap of 100 per venue. • Group limit of 10. Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies. • A venue smaller than 100sqm can have up to 25 people per venue before the density quotient applies. • COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure attendees check-in. • Dancefloors closed. <p>Food courts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies. • QR codes must be displayed at every table. • COVIDSafe Marshals in each food court.
Accommodation	<p>Accommodation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open. • Bookings permitted for single households, intimate partners or single bubbles.
Real Estate Services	<p>Inspections and auctions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Auctions permitted with a maximum patron cap of 100 people indoors or outdoors. • Inspections permitted with a private appointment, to a maximum of 10 people, subject to density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm. • COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure attendees check-in.
Care Facility (visitors)	<p>Visitors are permitted into care facilities for reasons that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide care and support for the resident's physical and emotional wellbeing. • To support residents under 18 years of age. • As a nominated person under the Mental Health Act. • To provide interpreter or informal language support. • For learning to support the resident's care upon discharge. • Non-essential contractors are restricted from entry.
Hospital (visitors)	<p>Visitors are permitted entry to hospitals for reasons that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a parent, guardian or carer of a child who is a patient in hospital. • To provide support that is necessary for the patient's emotional or physical wellbeing. • As a nominated person under the Mental Health Act. • To provide interpreter or informal language support. • For learning to support the resident's care upon discharge. • As a carer of a patient with a disability. • Accompanying someone to the emergency department or outpatient clinic.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a partner of a pregnant woman or patient in a maternity ward. • Non-essential contractors are restricted from entry
Education and childcare	<p>Early learning centres, childcare, family day care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open <p>Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open • Density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm applies in non-student areas. • Face mask requirements apply to everyone 12 years and over.
Funerals	<p>Funerals (indoor and outdoor):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permitted with 50 people (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). • Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap. • COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure attendees check-in.
Weddings	<p>Weddings (indoor and outdoor):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permitted with no more than 50 people (including the two persons being married and two witnesses. The celebrant and photographer are not included in the cap). • COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure attendees check-in. Dancefloors not permitted.
Ceremonies and Religious Gatherings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permitted for up to 100 people indoors and up to 300 people outdoors. • Density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm applies. • A venue smaller than 100sqm can have up to 25 people per venue before density quotient applies. • COVID Check-in Marshals must ensure attendees check-in.

A link to the updated Table of Restrictions is available [here](#) and has been **attached** 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. The Information provided in this email is generic advice. For advice in respect of your specific situation please contact us.



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