
CIRCULAR: GEN/156/NAT/156/21
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SUBJECT: COVIDSafe Update – Victorian Restrictions
ATTENTION: Chief Executive Officer

Victoria has entered a state-wide snap lockdown commencing at 8pm on 5 August 2021 for seven days.

The current restrictions are as follows:

- There are **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.
 - 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).
 - Caregiving and compassionate and medical reasons, including having a COVID-19 test.
 - Authorised work or permitted education – except for essential/permitted workers, everyone must work from home.
 - To get vaccinated.

People may also leave home in an emergency or if they are at risk of family violence.

Reasons to travel further than 5km from home are:

- For permitted work.
- To access necessary goods and services that cannot be accessed within 5km from home.
- Intimate partner visits.
- ‘Single bubble’ visits.
- Care and compassionate reasons.
- Interstate work where that is permitted by the other state.

Masks are compulsory to be worn indoors and outdoors, except for in the home or when visiting an intimate partner’s home. If a person is working alone, they are not required to wear a mask unless another person enters the indoor or outdoor space.

Private and public gatherings are not allowed. Professional sport can continue without crowds.

Hospitality will be closed except for take-away and delivery.

Only **essential retail** may open, which includes supermarkets, pharmacies, butchers, bottle shops, petrol stations, post offices, banks, food stores, newsagents, liquor stores, and pet stores. General retail is closed (click and collect available). Hairdressers, beauty, personal care, indoor

and outdoor pools, gyms, libraries, entertainment venues, creative studios, play centres, community centres are closed.

Hotel and accommodation providers can stay open to support guests already staying onsite. No new bookings can be made, unless for a permitted reason – for example someone who requires accommodation as an authorised worker.

Residential aged care visits are not permitted except in limited circumstances where the resident has a life-threatening condition or for end-of-life purposes.

Hospital visits are restricted to circumstances of giving birth, end of life, accompanying a child.

Schools are closed except for vulnerable students or whose parents/carers are permitted workers. Childcare, kindergartens and early childcare centres will remain open. Universities and TAFEs are closed.

Real estate inspections and auctions may only be conducted online.

Places of worship are closed (other than for broadcasting services); there will be no religious gatherings; **funerals** are limited to 10 people (indoor or outdoor); and there will be **no weddings** except for end of life or deportation reasons, limited to 5 attendees.

The following link is a full list of the restrictions, authorised premises and authorised work
<https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-08/20210805%20Restrictions%20Change.pdf>

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