

Coronavirus update for Victoria – Border permits

Date: Friday 18 December 2020

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Key Messages - 18 December 2020

- Victorians are strongly advised not to travel to Sydney as conditions are expected to deteriorate and you may not be able to re-enter without undertaking hotel quarantine for 14 days.
- From midnight tonight, **a permit system will be in place** for all New South Wales residents travelling to Victoria, residents from other states travelling through NSW and Victorians visiting NSW and returning home.
- Anyone trying to enter Victoria from the Northern Beaches and other NSW exposure sites (red zone) from midnight tonight will not be permitted to enter.
- If passengers are arriving from a red zone after midnight tonight, they will be transferred to Hotel Quarantine where they will be required to remain for 14 days.
- Anyone from NSW travelling from Greater Sydney (orange zone) is encouraged to get tested on arrival and self-quarantine until they receive a negative result.
- Those travelling from regional NSW (green zone) will be asked to monitor for symptoms.
- Victorians are strongly advised not to travel to Sydney as conditions are expected to deteriorate and you may not be able to re-enter without undertaking hotel quarantine for 14 days.
- For more information, please visit: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-update-Victoria-18-December-2020>

COVIDSafe 2020/21

With increasing numbers of coronavirus (COVID-19) in NSW, it's critical that every Victorian business continues to operate in a COVIDSafe way to help protect our community.

As industry leaders we need your help to communicate these COVIDSafe messages today and over the weekend:

- Every Victorian business that is open must have a COVIDSafe Plan
- Face masks* are recommended and everyone must carry a mask at all times
- Keep records and act quickly if workers become unwell
- Continue to practise good hygiene and physical distancing
- Limit the number of people, workers who are in close contact where possible

** Masks remain mandatory on public transport, in rideshare vehicles and taxis, and in larger retail settings such as shopping centres.*

All Victorian Businesses are required to have a COVIDSafe Plan. Need help? Visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au or call the Business Hotline 13 22 15
Do you need support? For more information on testing and support payments, visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au or call 1800 675 398

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Fast Facts – Masks

- Victorians must carry a face mask at all times
- Face masks are mandatory on public transport and in commercial passenger vehicles (uber, taxi, ride share)
- Face masks are also mandatory when inside shopping centres including retail stores inside shopping centres, large retail stores, markets
- While not mandatory, it is **strongly recommended** that you wear a face mask in any other setting where you are unable to stay more than 1.5 metres from others.
- Where it is mandatory, businesses can refuse service to those not wearing a mask.

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Fast Facts – QR codes

Digital record keeping will help us with fast contact tracing and stem potential spread

The Victorian Government has a free QR Code service for businesses to use

- significantly speeds up the time required for contact tracing
- stores data securely on Service Victoria servers, where it may only be accessed by DHHS if there is a positive case connected to that premises. Data is deleted after 28 days.
- is available at: www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/qrcode

Note: as with many record-keeping methods, the Victorian Government QR Code Service relies on customer honesty – the Government cannot verify whether customers have provided the correct name or phone number

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Fast Facts – Cleaning

An appropriate cleaning regime will help businesses maintain a hygienic and safe work environment.

Employers must keep a record of all cleaners who attend a workplace for longer than 15 minutes

Employers must take reasonable steps to ensure that shared spaces and public areas are cleaned regularly, including

- frequently touched surfaces at least twice a day
- when visibly soiled and immediately after a spill
- cleaning between functions and groups
- cleaning requires use of anti-viral disinfectant

Cleaning factsheets, guidelines and checklists are available at:

www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/preventing-infection-workplace#cleaning

Feedback and Questions

Find COVIDSafe Plan templates and industry-specific advice:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covidsafe-summer>

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