

# Coronavirus update for Victoria: Border permits & travel advice

Date: 19 December 2020

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## Key Messages – as at 11.59pm 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.*

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## Fast Facts – Masks

- Victorians must carry a face mask at all times
- **Face masks are mandatory at airport terminals.** It is strongly recommended you wear a face mask while on your flight.
- 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](https://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](https://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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