

Media Release

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KEEPING OURSELVES, AND OUR HOMES, COVID SAFE

As we take our first safe, steady and sustainable steps towards COVID Normal, it's more important than ever that Victorians are taking the right actions to keep themselves, their friends and families safe.

It's why the Victorian Government has today released the *Coronavirus (COVID-19) Home Safety Plan*, a resource for families to plan and implement COVID safe measures, whether at home or out in the community.

Like the trusted *Bushfire Survival Plan*, the *COVID Home Safety Plan* sets out the small steps we can all take to keep ourselves safe – particularly as we take our first steps in our roadmap to COVID Normal.

We've been doing many of these things for months – things like washing our hands and keeping our distance – but as restrictions ease, we must remain vigilant in our fight against this virus.

It's also important that as our state gradually reopens and Victorians are able to do more of the things they love, including seeing more of the people they love, we're all taking the right steps to keep each other safe.

The *COVID Home Safety Plan* provides an important reminder that even as restrictions gradually ease, we all have a role to play in reaching, and then maintaining, a COVID Normal.

This includes important actions inside the home, like regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces, recognising the symptoms of the virus, and planning for potential illness.

Outside the home, the Plan includes suggestions like keeping a record of where we've been or who we've seen, wearing a face covering and the COVID Normal steps we'll all need to keep each other safe as group and gathering sizes gradually increase.

The *Coronavirus (COVID-19) Home Safety Plan* is available for download at www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/covid-19-home-safety-plan with hardcopy and translated versions available shortly.

Additional advice and precautions for those with a confirmed case, or those who are close contacts, continues to be available on the DHHS website and via our public health doorknocking teams.

Quotes attributable to Premier Daniel Andrews

"We've said the whole way through – this is like a public health bushfire. And just like a bushfire, there's steps we can all take to keep ourselves and our homes safe."

"We've been doing many of these things for months. But as we seek to reach – and then maintain – COVID Normal, they'll still be as important as ever."

Quote attributable to Minister for Health Jenny Mikakos

"By sitting down as a family or a household with a COVID Home Safety Plan, Victorians can make sure everyone is on the same page when it comes to staying safe."