

REGIONAL VICTORIA

Summary of easing of restrictions at 11:59PM on Sunday 18 October and Sunday 1 November



Note: Cleaning, signage and record keeping requirements continue to apply for many of these venues and facilities.

The density quotient of one person per four square metres applies to all indoor venues and spaces, except workplaces that are not accessible to the public, private residences and areas of accommodation facilities that are for the exclusive use of a single group

18 October changes in red. 1 November changes italicised.

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Reasons to leave your home	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay safe: no restrictions for reasons to leave the house, except where travelling through a restricted area• Intrastate travel: allowed across locations in the same Step• Face covering and gathering restrictions still apply
Gatherings of people	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Home: up to two people can visit a household once per day. <i>Infants under 12 months are not included in this cap, and other dependents can also attend if they cannot be left unattended or cared for in another setting.</i>• Public places: up to 10 people outdoors, infants under 12 months not included in cap
Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adult education students: learn from home if you can• Primary and secondary students - From 5 October:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ specialist schools continue on-site learning○ VCE and VCAL students (including Year 10 students in VCE) can attend onsite for GAT and essential assessment○ primary school students can attend on-site (schools to stagger return of year levels between 5 – 9 October)• From 12 October all secondary school students can attend on-site (schools to stagger return of year levels between 12-16 October)

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Sport and recreation including pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor sport and recreation: not allowed Outdoor physical recreation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Up to 10 people in any group, unless all members of the group are part of the same household ○ Physical distancing maintained, shared or communal equipment must be cleaned between users • Community Sport: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outdoor contact and non-contact sport: allowed for people 18 and under <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited to minimum number of people to play and facilitate the activity (e.g. cricket may be played with two teams of eleven players and the necessary coaching personnel and umpires) ○ Outdoor non-contact sport: allowed for adults <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited to minimum number of people to play and facilitate the activity (e.g. cricket may be played with two teams of eleven players and the necessary coaching personnel and umpires) - Non-contact means participants must be able to maintain distance of 1.5m • No shared equipment • Personal training: outdoors, up to 10 people, trainer not included in cap • Outdoor communal gym equipment: open • Fitness or dance classes (including classes associated with gyms): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open for outdoor classes, up to 10 people, trainer not included in cap ○ Indoors: open but heavily restricted ○ closed for indoor operations, but can conduct classes outdoors ○ open for recording and broadcast permitted only with minimum number of people required to conduct the recording/streaming, up to 5 people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Only one person at a time may be exempted from wearing a face covering under the strenuous physical exercise exemption. E.g. the trainer leading the broadcast ○ Shared equipment may be used if cleaned between each user and comply with density and other requirements • Outdoor swimming pools: Limited to the density quotient of the pool itself or 50 patrons per pool, whichever is smaller, other than for the following exceptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exclusive use by a single school at any one time for education purposes ○ Exclusive use for community sport • Indoor pools (including swimming classes): open exclusively for those aged 18 years and under subject to pool maximum of 20 patrons or density quotient (1 person per 4m²) • Indoor pools: open for one-on-one hydrotherapy sessions with a health professional where clinically indicated. No group sessions • Publicly accessible playgrounds: open, outdoor only • Playcentres: closed • Skateparks: open, outdoor only • Trampolining centres: outdoor open, indoor closed

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Community facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Libraries and toy libraries: open to facilitate collection and return of books/toys or home delivery, plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Outdoor activities permitted for up to 10 people plus the people required to conduct the activity o Indoors: Limit of 20 people maximum, with no more than 10 in a space, subject to density quotient • Community venues: open for specific purposes such as essential support groups and public support services, plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Outdoor activities permitted for up to 10 people plus the people required to conduct the activity
Childcare facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare: open to all children (permit no longer required) • In-home child minding: allowed for all children
Hospitality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and drink facilities open for seated indoor and outdoor service (both food and/or drink): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Seated dining only o Maximum 10 people per group, seated 1.5m from other groups (both within the venue and between patrons at adjacent venues) o For indoor space: open with a cap of 10 persons per indoor space, with a maximum of 40 patrons per venue indoors, subject to density requirements (1 per 4m²). Business check that customer resides outside of metropolitan Melbourne • For outdoor space: open for seated indoor and outdoor service (both food and/or drink): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Cap of 70 patrons per venue, subject to density quotient of 1 person per 2m² • Hospitality in arenas/racetracks: hospitality venues in other sectors such as sports arenas are subject to the same restrictions as other hospitality if open to the public • Food courts: remain open for takeaway and delivery only

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Shopping, retail and personal services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hairdressing, beauty and personal care services: open, with requirement that only services where the client can wear a face covering for the duration of the service or procedure are permitted (e.g. hairdressing, manicures, pedicures, body waxing, tattooing) • Market stalls: : open • Auction houses: open • Real estate auctions: permitted outdoors, limited to 10 members of the public, plus the minimum number of people required to conduct the auction • Other retail: open
Entertainment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Theatre, cinema, auditorium, gallery, museum, arena, stadium, animal facilities (e.g. zoos)</i> • Indoor venues: closed • Non-seated outdoor spaces (large outdoor areas where people are unlikely to congregate, such as zoos or live museums like Sovereign Hill. This excludes events): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ indoor spaces closed; outdoor spaces open with density quotient (consistent with those for outdoor food and drink facilities as described above) ○ All require a COVIDSafe Plan, venues with 500 or more capacity at one time must publish their COVIDSafe Plan online prior to opening • Seated outdoor spaces (intended to be used sitting down, fixed): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use reasonable endeavours to implement relevant recommendations by the Victorian Government to manage public health risks arising out of operation of the facility ○ Indoor spaces closed with exceptions for broadcasting and professional sport ○ Outdoor spaces open: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximum 10 people per group, groups must be 1.5m apart from each other and seated. - If fixed seating: patron cap of 50 people or 25% of the venue's fixed seat capacity, whichever is lower • Drive-in cinemas: outdoor space open, no seating outside vehicles permitted • Arenas and stadiums: can operate for exclusive use by a single school at any one time for education purposes, or for professional sport • Retail betting venue: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If wholly contained within a licensed premises: open subject to the requirements on retail and food and drink facilities (seated service only, density quotients, cleaning, signage and record-keeping requirements apply) ○ If not wholly contained within a licensed premises: open subject to requirements on open retail, i.e. density quotient, cleaning and signage requirements • Arcade, amusement park, escape room, casino, gaming machine area, bingo centre, brothels, sex on premises venues: closed • Events where people are likely to congregate (such as country racing, sporting events, festivals, shows): will be considered on case by case basis and otherwise public gathering limits apply to spectators

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Ceremonies and religious gatherings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor Religious ceremonies: not allowed; 5 people can attend a place of worship to conduct a ceremony being broadcast • Private worship: allowed for households, plus a faith leader • Outdoor religious gatherings and ceremonies: up to 20 people, plus 1 faith leader, proximate to a place of worship • Weddings: up to 10 people (including couple and two witnesses), celebrant excluded from cap • Funerals: up to 20 people, infants under 12 months and people to conduct funeral not included in cap. If weddings or funerals are held at private residence, private gathering restrictions apply • Places of worship (including the conducting of ceremonies): subject to existing workplace requirements, including but not limited to record keeping, cleaning requirements, and having a COVIDSafe plan in place <p>FROM 11.59PM, 1 NOVEMBER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor religious gatherings and ceremonies: up to 50 people, plus 1 faith leader, proximate to a place of worship
Accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open, but each group booking is restricted to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Only members of a single household; OR o Only intimate partners; OR o Only members of a single household AND o Cannot stay with people living in a restricted area; AND <p>Members of separately booked groups do not share bedrooms at the facility</p>
Care Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitation: various visitation restrictions apply depending on the circumstances of the resident • General position: one household for up to two hours at a time, may visit a patient or resident in a care facility for a range of purposes. • Parents/carers/guardians of infants or children under 18 years to continue to be able to visit at the same time for unlimited periods
Tourism (tours and transport)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indoor spaces: closed • Outdoor spaces: open, but each group restricted to up to 10 members of the public, plus the minimum number of people required to conduct the tour
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle maintenance: open with a COVIDSafe plan • Boat maintenance: open with a COVIDSafe plan

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Healthcare, Allied Health and Social Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dental clinics, mobile dental services to schools and AHPRA registered health workers and specified allied health workers all able to operate with health controls in place and other limited restrictions • Telehealth services must be the first option for care delivery and provided where and as appropriate
Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work: work from home if you can • COVIDSafe Plan: all businesses required to have a COVIDSafe Plan for onsite operations • High risk food industries: obligations including regular surveillance testing of the workforce, nightly deep cleaning, separating workers into consistent teams/bubbles to maintain separation and providing regular worker training • Poultry processing facilities: Daily peak workforce capacity and daily total workforce capacity for poultry processing facilities at 90% for regional Victoria. Weekly peak workforce capacity and weekly total workforce capacity for poultry processing facilities at 90% for regional Victoria. • Abattoirs and meat processing facilities: Daily peak workforce capacity and daily total workforce capacity for abattoirs and meat processing facilities at 90% for regional Victoria. Weekly peak workforce capacity and weekly total workforce capacity for abattoirs and meat processing facilities at 90% for regional Victoria. • Seafood processing facilities: Daily peak workforce capacity and daily total workforce capacity for seafood processing facilities at 90% for regional Victoria. Weekly peak workforce capacity and weekly total workforce capacity for seafood processing facilities at 90% for regional Victoria. • Seasonal horticulture industry: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • o pre-employment testing obligations • Use of workplace 'bubbles' participation in surveillance testing