

# Statement

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Premier



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## STATEMENT ON CHANGES TO MELBOURNE'S RESTRICTIONS

I know how much Victorians want to go back to some semblance of normal – or at least “COVID normal”.

They want to be able to get a beer with their mates. To drop round and see mum. And they definitely want an end to these daily updates and their grim new milestones.

Our health experts tell us the measures we've introduced are working. But too slowly.

The current rate of community transmission – mystery cases that cannot be traced back to work or home – is far too high.

As they tell us, based on the current numbers, cases might begin to drop off not in days or weeks – but in months. Months more of lockdown restrictions. Months more of 300, 400, 500 cases a day.

More Victorians in hospital beds. More Victorians hooked up to machines just to breathe.

And more Victorians – more grandparents, parents, sons, daughters, partners and loved ones – choked to death by an invisible enemy.

That's not something I'm willing to accept. I don't think it's something any of us are willing to accept.

We must do more. We must go harder. It's the only way we'll get to the other side of this.

I know Victorians are with me when I say, too many people are not taking this seriously. And too many people not taking this seriously means that too many other people are having to plan funerals for those they love.

It's why from 6pm tonight, Victoria will enter a State of Disaster. We used this same provision over summer, and as we step-up our fight against this public health bushfire, we need to use it again.

This will give our police additional powers to make sure people are complying with public health directions – more on which we'll have to say in the coming days.

From 6pm tonight, Melbourne will also move to Stage 4 restrictions with stronger rules to limit the movement of people – and limit the spread of this virus across our city.

That includes a curfew – from 8pm to 5am – beginning tonight. The only reasons to leave home during these hours will be work, medical care and caregiving.

Where you slept last night is where you'll need to stay for the next six weeks. There'll be exemptions for partners who live apart and for work, if required.

The Night Network will be suspended, and public transport services will be reduced during curfew hours. This will also allow us to redeploy more of our PSOs into our enforcement efforts.

New time, distance and gathering limits will also apply for exercise and shopping.

Exercise will be limited to a maximum of one hour per day and no more than five kilometres from your home. Group size will be limited to a maximum of two – you and one other person – whether you live with them or not.

Shopping will be limited to one person per household per day. Again, the five-kilometre rule will apply.

Of course, there'll be some common-sense exceptions. If your closest supermarket is further than five kilometres, you can still shop there. If you're a parent with little ones, you can still take them with you when you go for a walk.

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And these distance, gathering and time limits won't apply for work, medical care or compassionate reasons.

Study at TAFE and uni must be done remotely. And from Wednesday at 11:59pm, weddings in Melbourne cannot occur.

Face coverings will continue to be compulsory – ensuring that if we do have to be out, it's in the safest way possible.

The question I know most parents will be asking: schools will return to remote and flexible learning – across all year levels.

Students who are currently attending onsite – including senior students and those in our specialist schools – will go to school on Monday, have a pupil free day on Tuesday, and be learning at home from Wednesday.

Onsite supervision will be offered but tightened – only available for students who really need it. That means children whose parents are permitted workers and vulnerable kids who can't learn from home.

From Thursday, those same rules will apply to Melbourne's kinder and early childhood education services.

We know this will be a significant ask of parents with little ones – and big ones too. But I promise, as a parent to three, it's an ask I don't make lightly.

These changes will be in place for at least the next six weeks until Sunday 13 September. As always, we'll keep reviewing and realigning the restrictions in line with the advice of our health experts – and if we can change things earlier, we will.

We also recognise that workplaces continue to be the site of many of our cases.

Today, I've made some announcements that change how Victorians will live – tomorrow, I'll have more to say about the way Victorians need to work.

I know that will cause a certain level of anxiety and uncertainty. But the truth is, this is complex – and we're going to take some extra time to make sure we get these calls right.

I've had the job of leading this state for almost six years – more than 2000 days. And today is by far the hardest day – and the hardest decision.

But it is the decision I've made to keep our state safe.

The whole way through this, I promised to be upfront. So I'll say this now. This will be imperfect. And for a little while, there'll be more questions than answers.

It's why I'm asking something else of Victorians – please be calm, please be kind, please be patient.

I understand people will feel scared and sad and worried.

But we are Victorians – and we will get through this as Victorians. With grit, with guts and together.

All the temporary sacrifices we make now – all the time missed with mates, those delayed visits to mum – those sacrifices will help keep our mates and our mums and our fellow Victorians safe.

We can – we will – get through this.

Apart. But together.



SUMMARY OF RESTRICTIONS – RETURN TO STAGE 3  
11:59PM 8 JULY 2020



- New Directions will commence at **11:59PM on Wednesday 8 July** and continue for **six weeks to 11:59PM on Wednesday 19 August**.
- The area returning to Stage 3 ‘Stay at Home’ restrictions is comprised of the 31 metropolitan Melbourne local government areas (LGAs) and the Mitchell Shire LGA.
- The metropolitan Melbourne LGAs are: Banyule, Hume, Moreland, Bayside, Kingston, Mornington Peninsula, Boroondara, Knox, Nillumbik, Brimbank, Manningham, Port Phillip, Cardinia, Maribyrnong, Stonnington, Casey, Maroondah, Whitehorse, Darebin, Melbourne, Whittlesea, Frankston, Melton, Wyndham, Glen Eira, Monash, Yarra, Greater Dandenong, Moonee Valley, Yarra Ranges, Hobsons Bay.
- The ‘Detention’ direction currently applied to nine public housing towers in Flemington and Kensington will be lifted and replaced with the ‘Stay at Home’ direction as per the rest of metropolitan Melbourne when the Chief Health Officer advises it is safe to do so.
- Changes include hygiene measures, record keeping, density and physical distancing requirements. Final changes subject to advice of the Chief Health Officer.

RESTRICTIONS APPLYING TO METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE AND MITCHELL SHIRE LGA

METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE AND MITCHELL SHIRE LGA FROM 11:59PM WEDNESDAY 8 JULY	
Reasons to leave your house	<b>Change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Stay at Home</b>, except for four reasons: necessary goods or services; work and education if necessary; medical care or compassionate reasons; exercise and recreation.</li><li>• Exemptions include visiting a person with whom you are in an intimate personal relationship, including outside metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire LGA.</li></ul> <b>Cannot leave restricted areas for exercise or recreation.</b>
Gatherings of people	<b>Change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Private: no visitors.</li><li>• Public: up to 2 people or household members only.</li></ul>
Employer obligations	<b>No change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work from home: Must not allow employees to work from workplace if reasonably practicable to work from home</li></ul>
Schools	<b>Change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 11 and 12s and Year 10s doing VCE, and special schools to return next Monday 13 July for the start of Term 3.</li><li>• Extension of pupil free days for one week for Prep-10.</li></ul>
Sporting activities	<b>Change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community sport: cannot be held in restricted area, and people who live in restricted area cannot participate.</li><li>• Indoor sport and recreation: closed.</li><li>• Outdoor sport: only allowed to exercise, or sporting activities such as fishing, golf, boating, tennis, surfing and drive range shooting with one other person or household members, provided 1.5 metre distance can be maintained.</li><li>• Outdoor sporting facilities: closed, except for facilities where public gathering and physical distancing limits can be adhered to and there is no use of shared equipment or communal facilities (e.g. tennis courts, golf courses).</li><li>• Swimming pools: closed.</li><li>• Playcentres: closed.</li><li>• Playgrounds: closed.</li></ul>
Shopping, retail and personal services	<b>Change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Restaurants and cafes: take away only.</li><li>• Pubs, bars, clubs, nightclubs: closed, bottle shop and take away only.</li><li>• Food courts: closed.</li><li>• Beauty and personal care services: closed, apart from hairdressers.</li><li>• Saunas and bathhouses: closed.</li><li>• Auction houses: operate remotely.</li><li>• Real estate auctions and inspections: operate remotely, and inspections by appointment.</li><li>• Markets stalls: stalls can operate for provision of take away food and drink only.</li><li>• Markets and shopping centres: open, subject to density quotient, but people can only visit for necessary goods and services.</li><li>• Other retail: open, subject to density quotient, but people can only visit for necessary goods and services.</li></ul>
Entertainment	<b>Change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Libraries and community venues: only to host an essential public support service, or a wedding or funeral.</li><li>• Galleries, museums, zoos: closed.</li><li>• Outdoor amusement parks and arcades: closed.</li><li>• Indoor cinemas: closed.</li><li>• Drive-in cinemas: closed.</li><li>• Concert venues, theatres, auditoriums: closed.</li><li>• Arenas and stadiums: closed.</li><li>• Casinos and gaming: closed.</li><li>• Brothels, strip clubs and sex on premise venues: closed.</li></ul>
Ceremonies	<b>Change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Religious ceremonies and private worship: broadcast only.</li><li>• Weddings: up to 5 people (couple, two witnesses and celebrant).</li><li>• Funerals: up to 10 people, plus those conducting the funeral.</li></ul> <b>Attending a wedding or funeral is a permitted reason to leave home</b>
Travel	<b>Change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Travel within Victoria outside restricted areas: allowed for work, education (if necessary), necessary good and services and care/compassionate purposes only.</li><li>• Holiday accommodation and camping: closed except for residents, emergency accommodation, or work purposes.</li><li>• Second place of residence – You cannot visit second place of residence outside restricted area with limited exceptions (e.g. emergency or maintenance; shared custody; to stay with intimate partner who does not live with you).</li></ul> <p>People on holidays can complete their holiday. <b>From 11.59PM on 8 July, people cannot travel for a holiday.</b></p>

RESTRICTIONS APPLYING TO REGIONAL VICTORIA OTHER THAN MITCHELL SHIRE LGA

REGIONAL VICTORIA FROM 11:59PM WEDNESDAY 8 JULY	
Reasons to leave your house	<b>No change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Stay safe”: Can leave premises for all purposes, subject to: work from home if you can; and higher education students: learn from home if you can.</li><li>• Cannot enter restricted areas except for necessary purposes (necessary goods or services; work and education if necessary; medical care or compassionate reasons).</li><li>• Exemptions include visiting a person with whom you are in an intimate personal relationship.</li></ul>
Gatherings of people	<b>No change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Private: Household plus 5 visitors .</li><li>• Public: Up to 10 people.</li></ul>
Employer obligations	<b>No change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work from home: Must not allow employees to work from workplace if reasonably practicable to work from home.</li></ul>
Schools	<b>No change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Face to face learning for all year levels.</li></ul>
Sporting activities	<b>No change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Community sport: Contact competition for 18 and under; non-contact competition for adults; contact sport for adults not allowed.</li><li>• Indoor sport and recreation: up to 20 people per space, with a maximum group of 10 per group (if over 18), no group limit if group is all under 18.</li><li>• Outdoor sport and recreation: allowed for groups. Up to 20 people per group.</li><li>• Swimming pools: open, with up to 20 patrons per pool, no lane limits.</li><li>• Playcentres: open, with up to 20 people per space, and up to 10 people per group if over 18, no group limit if group under 18.</li><li>• Playgrounds: Open.</li></ul> <p><i>Obligation on businesses outside of metropolitan Melbourne to check identification as part of records requirement and <b>refuse service to those who reside in metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire LGA.</b></i></p>
Shopping, retail and personal services	<b>No change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Restaurants and cafes: up to 20 patrons per separate space, maximum group of 10.</li><li>• Pubs, bars, clubs, nightclubs: up to 20 patrons per separate space, maximum group of 10.</li><li>• Food courts: closed.</li><li>• Beauty and personal care services: Up to 20 patrons per premises.</li><li>• Saunas and bathhouses: closed.</li><li>• Auction houses: allowed for up to 20 people.</li><li>• Real estate auctions and inspections: allowed for up to 20 people.</li><li>• Markets and shopping centres: open, subject to density quotient.</li><li>• Other retail: open, subject to density quotient.</li></ul> <p><i>Obligation on businesses outside of metropolitan Melbourne to check identification as part of records requirement and <b>refuse service to those who reside in metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire LGA.</b></i></p>
Entertainment	<b>No change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Libraries and community venues: open for up to 20 people per indoor space.</li><li>• Galleries, museums, zoos: Open, with a maximum of 20 people per space.</li><li>• Outdoor amusement parks and arcades: open, subject to density quotient only.</li><li>• Indoor cinemas: open, with a maximum of 20 patrons per cinema.</li><li>• Drive-in cinemas: open, provided patrons don't sit outside their car .</li><li>• Concert venues, theatres, auditoriums: open, with a maximum of 20 seated patrons per theatre. Theatres with multiple seating tiers may seat 20 people per tier.</li><li>• Arenas and stadiums: closed, except for professional sport.</li><li>• Casinos and gaming: closed.</li><li>• Brothels and sex on premise venues: Closed.</li><li>• Strip clubs: open, up to 20 customers per space with a group maximum of 10 people.</li></ul> <p><i>Obligation on businesses outside of metropolitan Melbourne to check identification as part of records requirement and <b>refuse service to those who reside in metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire LGA.</b></i></p>
Ceremonies	<b>No change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Religious ceremonies and private worship: up to 20 people per indoor space.</li><li>• Weddings: up to 20 people, plus the celebrant and the couple. If held in a private residence, the limit of 5 visitors plus the household members applies.</li><li>• Funerals: up to 50 people, plus those conducting the funeral. If held in a private residence, the limit of 5 visitors plus the household members applies.</li></ul> <p><i>Obligation on businesses outside of metropolitan Melbourne to check identification as part of records requirement and <b>refuse service to those who reside in metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire LGA.</b></i></p>
Travel	<b>No change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Travel within Victoria: allowed (other than travel to restricted areas for non-necessary purposes).</li><li>• Holiday accommodation and camping: open, with a maximum of 20 people per group.</li><li>• Ski accommodation: Group booking cap of 20 applies. Bedrooms cannot be shared between bookings. If only communal facilities available, then max 20 people allowed at the accommodation.</li></ul> <p><i>Obligation on businesses outside of metropolitan Melbourne to check identification as part of records requirement and <b>refuse service to those who reside in metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire LGA.</b></i></p>