Victoria's Roadmap

From 6pm Friday 29 October 2021

At 80 per cent double dose, Victoria will enter Phase C

26 October 2021



All of Victoria:

- **Regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne will unite** and share the same restrictions, enabling people to travel between Melbourne, regional Victoria and interstate again.
- Masks will remain mandatory indoors but are no longer required outdoors.
- It is highly recommended Victorians continue to wear a mask outdoors where they cannot physically distance.
- Work from home if you can; OR go to work if you are fully vaccinated DQ2 for areas non-accessible to public Masks must be worn indoors in workplaces
- Most indoor settings, including restaurants, pubs, gyms and hairdressers will open with no capacity limits subject to a DQ4 (one person per four square metres) limit, if all staff and patrons are fully vaccinated.
- Most outdoor settings will be at DQ2 (one person per two square metres) up to 500, where staff and patrons are fully vaccinated.
- **Customers and workers in retail** do not need to be fully vaccinated in Phase C.



Entertainment

- Entertainment venues will reopen.
- For indoor seated venues, including cinemas and theatres, there will be a 75 per cent capacity limit or DQ4 up to 1,000 people.
- For non-seated indoor venues there will be a DQ4 limit with no patron cap.
- **Outdoor seated and non-seated entertainment venues**, including stadiums, zoos and tourism attractions, will be **open with a DQ2 limit up to 5,000** where staff and patrons are fully vaccinated.

Events

- Events such as music festivals will be able to host up to 5,000 attendees, subject to any restrictions related to the venue.
- The Chief Health Officer may also grant an approval for larger crowds for significant events and venues under the Public Events Framework.



Isolation for workplace primary close contacts

- Workplace primary close contacts (PCCs) are required to isolate for 7 days if they are fully vaccinated.
- PCCs will need to return **negative test results on day 1 and 6** of their quarantine to be released.
- Existing PCCs who are isolating may be eligible for early release and will be advised of their status by SMS.
- Critical industries such as health services and supermarkets will maintain their own furlough arrangements based on public health advice.
- Note: This guidance does <u>not</u> apply to contacts in sensitive settings, such as schools, healthcare and aged care facilities, where cases and contacts interact frequently with people at high risk of severe illness.



CONTACT ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT MATRIX

NB: All exposure category decisions are based on a local risk assessment Contact = Any person, including staff who have contact with a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 Case = Any confirmed positive case of COVID-19 (staff or other)	The exposure event is contact with a cont 1. The business will conduct a risk assessment for each exposure event using the following table 2. Contacts will be identified as close contacts or low risk 3. Contacts should adhere to the testing and quarantine requirements for their assessed level of No Exposure Lower Risk Exposure Scenario: Contact with a confirmed case in their infectious period [#] that is: Distanced (>1.5m) and transient (<1 minute) OR Distanced (>1.5m) and non-transient (1-15 minutes) in a medium indoor^ space (100-300m ²) Medium Expos Face-to-face (< OR Distanced (small (<100m ²)			vel of risk (low risk or close contact) xposure Risk Scenario: ce (<1.5m) and non-transient (<15 minute) ced (>1.5m) and non-transient (1-15 minutes) r indoor space (<100m ²) ced (>1.5m) and prolonged (>15 minutes) in a 0m ²) indoor space		ter Exposure Risk Scenario: t physical contact (e.g., shaking hands or other physical hct) Face-to-face (<1.5m) and prolonged (>15 minutes) ors (any size of space) Distanced (>1.5m) and very prolonged (>1 hour) in a ler indoor space (<30m ²) e.g., a storeroom or small	
Masks not worn*	Extremely	space (>300m ²), or outdoors OR Face-to-face (<1.5m) and non-transient (1-15 minutes) outdoors And does not meet the criteria for medium or higher risk Low risk	Close Contact Close Contact		Close Contact Close Contact		
Masks worn	low risk Extremely low risk	Low risk	-Fully vaccinated contact	Unvaccinated contact Close Contact Unvaccinated contact	Fully vaccinated contact Close Contact Fully vaccinated contact	Close Contact Unvaccinated contact	

#A case's infectious period should be taken 48 hours before onset of symptoms until medical clearance. If a case is asymptomatic, they should generally be assumed infectious from 48 hours before the initial positive test.

* Mask not worn by either the case or contact. Incorrect mask use or a medical mask exemption is to be considered the same as 'no mask'.

^ An indoor space is an enclosed area where airflow is impeded by a wall or partition.

^a Fully vaccinated is defined as completion of vaccination schedule as per DH guidelines (e.g., 2nd dose of Pfizer, AstraZeneca or Moderna vaccine). People who have not completed the schedule, are ineligible or have a medical exemption are considered unvaccinated

Note: time periods are cumulative across a period of one day, e.g., two separate 10-minute exposures should be assessed as a "prolonged" (>15 min) exposure

QUARANTINE AND TESTING REQUIREMENTS

		Low risk (and extremely low risk)	Monitor for symptoms. Seek testing (PCR) if you are symptomatic.		
	What you need to do	Close contact - fully vaccinated	Fully vaccinated non-household** close contacts should quarantine for 7 days from the date of last exposure to an infectious case of COVID-19. Seek PCR testing on Day 6.		
		Close contact – unvaccinated	Unvaccinated/under-vaccinated close contacts should quarantine for 14 days from the date of last exposure to an infectious case of COVID-19. Seek PCR testing on Day 13.		

**Household close contacts must quarantine for 14 days, with a PCR test on Day 13, regardless of vaccination status.

Note: A workplace may consider implementing a Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) program as an additional public health measure and to support operational continuity. RAT should not be used in place of PCR tests for close contacts.

THE PRESENCE OF SYMPTOMS REQUIRES TESTING

COVIDSafe Checklist

Does your business:

- Comply with vaccination requirements for your sector?
- Ensure customers and workers check-in?
- Meet face mask requirements?
- Comply with density limits?
- Practise good hygiene?
- Maximise air flow and ventilation?
- Have a plan to manage any COVID-19 cases?
- Make sure all your workers know what they need to do to be COVIDSafe?



Worker vaccinations

- All businesses are urged to review their worker vaccination requirements against <u>Victoria's Roadmap: Delivering the National Plan</u>.
- Phase B of the Roadmap provides for a progressive reopening with eased capacity limits across various settings when all attendees and workers are fully vaccinated.
- The option of eased capacity limits will only apply if everyone present is fully vaccinated (or has a valid medical exemption).
- This means if your workers are not fully vaccinated, you may not be able to open or to apply the eased capacity limits offered in the Roadmap.
- Encourage your workers to get vaccinated as soon as possible.
- Appointments can be booked at <u>www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine</u>



Customers' COVID-19 Digital Certificate

- Customers will be required to show proof of their COVID-19 vaccination to enter a variety of businesses and to receive certain services across Victoria.
- Businesses must ensure customers have checked in correctly and verify their customers' vaccination status.
- To do this, if the customer has correctly uploaded their COVID-19 Digital Certificate to their Service Victoria app, you will be able to see their vaccination status together with their check-in details.
- A confirmed check-in via the QR code will continue to display a green tick.
- Customers who either don't have a smart phone or need help to check-in and prove their vaccination status, can do so by presenting an official hardcopy of their vaccination certificate together with the <u>Victorian Government QR Code</u> <u>Service Kiosk</u> check-in option.
- More information and FAQs on this requirement: <u>https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checking-customers-vaccination-status</u>



PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS

Customers aged 16 or over must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a signed medical exemption as a condition of entry to most businesses. **Here is what is accepted:**



COVIDSafe Plan

- Every business in Victoria with on-site operations is required to have a <u>COVIDSafe Plan</u> – it's a documented list of safety actions.
- Businesses that don't have a COVIDSafe Plan can face fines.
- For more information on <u>COVIDSafe workplaces</u> and business practice <u>relevant to your sector</u>, visit <u>coronavirus.vic.gov.au/sector-guidance</u>.



More information

Posters and signs for a COVIDSafe workplace

Victoria's Roadmap: Delivering the National Plan

<u>Financial and other support for people and businesses</u>

Business grants and support

Information for industry and workers required to be vaccinated

Call the Business Victoria Hotline on 13 22 15

Industry questions can be emailed to: icc@ecodev.vic.gov.au



Questions?

