



Dear Colleagues,

This morning Premier Daniel Andrews announced next steps in Victoria's COVID-19 response. The new rules will be in place until 31 May 2020.

From 11.59pm tomorrow, Tuesday 12 May, there is now a fifth reason to leave the home and that is to visit friends and family, either:

- Indoors – with up to five visitors in addition to your existing household; or
- Outdoors – with a maximum gathering of up to ten.

The other four reasons to leave the home remain the same: shopping for food and supplies, care and caregiving, exercise, and study or work if you can't do these from home.

Importantly for Metro, the working from home guidance remains the same: you must work from home if you can. This means that that we are unlikely to see much increase in our passenger numbers before 31 May.

I know that schooling is also front of mind for many of our working parents. Although there were no changes to the current approach announced today, the Premier mentioned that the Government is developing a plan to have face to face schooling resume before the end of term two, in a staged manner. As before, schools remain open for children of essential workers who can't work from home – including children of Metro employees.

For more detail and specific information, please refer to:

- The [Department of Health and Human Services \(DHHS\)](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus) website - www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus
- The [Premier of Victoria's](http://www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-restrictions-victoria) website - www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-restrictions-victoria

Please remember that this is still a very challenging time despite the positive progress that we've seen in recent days and weeks. Our Employee Assistance Program is a free and confidential service available to you and your immediate family. I encourage you to reach out if you need support by calling 1800 808 374 or texting 0439 449 876.

Take care,

Raymond

