



Dear Colleagues,

Today Victoria recorded 363 new COVID-19 cases and three deaths in the past 24 hours, a significant rise on yesterday's figure of 217.

This has prompted the State Government to mandate people in Melbourne and Mitchell Shire to wear a face covering such as a mask when leaving the home for one of the four reasons.

From 11.59pm Wednesday 22 July this will be enforced with a \$200 fine. However some people will be exempt including children under 12, people with medical reasons and teachers in classrooms.

In terms of how this will be applied in the workforce, the Premier has announced that:

- The Government will work with industry and unions to provide advice for workplaces in the coming days.
- A workplace inspection and enforcement blitz will be carried out by WorkSafe, Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) and Victoria Police focussing on at-risk sites such as distribution centres, meatworks and call centres, in recognition of the fact that 80% of traced transmission is occurring in Victorian workplaces.

[As previously communicated](#), Metro has been following the recommendation of the Chief Health Officer and since 15 July has been issuing masks to those colleagues who cannot work from home or maintain the social distancing requirements.

Following today's announcement, we will now work through the detail of what this means for specific work areas and your relevant General Manager will be in touch in the coming days.

Take care and stay safe.

Rob

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Executive Director Zero Harm

