



Dear Colleagues,

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to rapidly evolve, I want to thank you for your resilience, commitment and care during this extremely challenging time. We continue to be in uncharted waters and your dependability during this time is to be commended.

This afternoon Premier Daniel Andrews announced that Stage 3 “Stay at Home” restrictions would be reinstated across metropolitan Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire from 11:59pm on Wednesday 8 July for six weeks.

If you live in these areas, there will only be four reasons to leave your home. They are:

- Shopping for food and essential items.
- Care and caregiving.
- Daily exercise.
- Work and study – if you can’t do it from home.

Similarly, if you live outside of these restricted areas, you can only enter them for the above four reasons.

Many of our working parents will be wondering about the impact on schools. The Premier has advised that all Year 11 and Year 12 students and specialist schools in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire will go back to school for Term 3 as planned next week. However, students in Prep to Year 10, will have school holidays extended by one week. **We can expect to hear more about schooling and what it means for children of essential workers soon.**

In these challenging times it is natural to want answers and work with certainty. Remember, some things remain the same. **Public transport remains an essential service.** At Metro Trains, we are getting essential workers where they need to go. Our passengers depend on us. We remain focussed on safety as the foundation of everything we do. Strong teamwork and looking out for each other is more important than ever.

This Friday 10 July, I am hosting a livestream from 10am-10:30am with Rob Duvel, Executive Director Zero Harm. I look forward to having this opportunity to talk to you again along with Rob and provide a further update and respond to your questions.

- To join the livestream, click on [this link](#) at 10am on Friday 10 July from your computer or phone.
- To ask a question, go to www.slido.com and enter event code #MTM0720.
- To replay the livestream after the session, click on [this link](#) to access a recording, available from approximately 10:30am on Friday 10 July.

Please remember that during this challenging time, you can always access our free and confidential Employee Assistance Program any time by calling 1800 808 374 or texting 0439 449 876.

Please look after yourselves and your families.

You should all be proud of the great work that you are doing every day.

Best regards,

Raymond

