



Dear Colleagues,

I'm pleased to share with you the significant easing of COVID-19 restrictions announced by Premier Daniel Andrews yesterday.

We have moved to 'Last Step Restrictions' – which are attached – where mask-use is eased, more guests are allowed at homes and most venues, and there will be upcoming changes for workplaces.

Masks

Face masks are no longer required outdoors, except where physical distancing cannot be maintained. Masks must continue to be worn whilst indoors, and on public transport. Please continue to follow the relevant COVID-Safe plan for your work location. For frontline colleagues – additional information will be provided, where relevant, by leaders in your area.

Return to office environments

While the Premier says that from November 30 some companies will be able to have 25% of their office workers return, Metro is currently working through what this looks like for us. I will continue to keep you updated as we work through the return to corporate offices for the New Year and will have further information on this next week. In the meantime, if you are working from home, please continue to do so.

Stay safe, stay informed

We must all continue to practise the COVID-Safe behaviours that have helped Victoria stop the spread. For further information on the most recent changes, please see the Premier's statement and latest roadmap information attached.

As the Premier says, this latest easing is thanks to the efforts of every Victorian. I want to add my own thanks to you and every member of our Metro family. Working as **One Team**, we will continue to keep Melbourne moving as more and more passengers return safely and confidently to our network.

Finally, I'm sure everyone was pleased to see the announcements made over the weekend regarding two new committed flagship rail infrastructure projects as part of Victoria's Big Build:

- From 2029, Victorians will be able to catch a train directly from the CBD to the airport – following funding announcements by the Victorian and Commonwealth governments. [Melbourne Airport Rail](#) will see 10-minute turn-up-and-go services running from Melbourne Airport through the heart of our city, and use Metro Tunnel infrastructure as part of the project.
- Construction of [Geelong Fast Rail](#) is expected to be underway from 2023. The works will include track upgrades between Werribee and Laverton, including a new dedicated express track that will create a faster route for Geelong services, stripping 15 minutes off travel time to Melbourne's CBD.

Hope everyone has a great week ahead and keep safe.

Best regards

Raymond

