

Dear Colleagues,

I'm pleased to share that Acting Premier James Merlino has announced an easing of circuit-breaker restrictions in Victoria.

From 11:59pm Thursday (tomorrow):

Metropolitan Melbourne

- The five reasons to leave home will <u>no longer apply</u> in metropolitan Melbourne.
- The existing 10-kilometre travel limit will be extended to 25-kilometres.
- The only reasons to travel beyond that 25-kilometre limit will be for **work, education,** care, caregiving and getting vaccinated.
- No visitors allowed to homes.
- Outdoor gatherings increased to a maximum of 10 people.

Regional Victoria

- No restrictions on leaving home.
- Limit of two adult visitors to homes, per day.
- Outdoor gatherings increased to a maximum of 20 people.

All of Victoria

- Face masks will need to be worn whenever:
 - inside (when not at home); includes all workplaces;
 - outside, where physical distancing cannot be maintained, and;
 - on public transport
 - except where recognised exemptions apply.
- Return to face-to-face learning for all school students.

A full list of restrictions and the Acting Premier's latest media statement are attached.

As always, the latest public health advice will guide Metro's approach. With this mind, please note:

- Strong COVIDSafe settings remain in place in all Metro workplaces: Please continue to practise the COVID-Safe behaviours and plans designed to keep everyone safe and Victoria on track for a strong recovery.
- COVIDSafe return to corporate offices

People who can work from home should continue to do so. Our workforce bubble model for corporate offices remains on hold for now. When it is appropriate to return to **700 Collins Street**, colleagues will be required to check-in using the **Victorian Government QR code system**. Further information around QR codes in Metro workplaces will be made available, where relevant and in due course.

• Vaccines now available to eligible Victorians:

The Department of Health has advised available COVID-19 vaccines are safe. We urge all colleagues who are eligible to consider the opportunity to get vaccinated.

Staying safe, connected and informed

The latest public health guidance will be updated regularly at <u>coronavirus.vic.gov.au</u>, including information around <u>vaccine bookings</u> and eligibility.

Staying safe also means staying connected with your one-up manager. As we emerge from circuit-breaker restrictions, it's important to know that additional support is always available.



- Our **Employee Assistance Program** is a free and confidential service available to all employees and immediate families. Call 1800 808 374, or text 0439 449 876.
- People leaders can also access the **Manager Support Program** on 1800 505 015 for confidential support.

Stay safe and be well.

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Executive Director Safety and People

