

**From:** Employee Communications  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 2 June 2021 1:17 PM  
**To:** All employees  
**Subject:** Message from Rob: Updated COVIDSafe settings announced for Victoria



Dear Colleagues,

The **Acting Premier James Merlino** has just announced that **circuit-breaker restrictions will remain in place for another seven days.**

#### **Metropolitan Melbourne**

- Most current restrictions remain in place
- There remain five reasons to leave home:
  - **authorised work** and study;
  - shopping for food and supplies; **new 10km limit**
  - exercise; for up to two hours and with one other person; **new 10km limit**
  - care and caregiving, and;
  - to get a COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Schools remain open for children of authorised workers**
- Senior secondary school students (Years 11 and 12) return to face-to-face learning
- Kinder and childcare remains open

#### **Regional Victoria**

- No restrictions on leaving home
- Return to face-to-face learning for all school students

#### **All of Victoria**

- **Public transport remains an essential service and a type of authorised work**
- **Face masks will need to be worn inside and outdoors** – everywhere except your own home, or where recognised exemptions apply
- Strong COVIDSafe settings remain in place – including for travel between Regional Victoria and Greater Melbourne

A full list of restrictions and the Acting Premier's latest media statement are [attached](#).

Victoria's COVIDSafe settings are designed to keep everyone safe and put us on the path to a strong recovery. The pandemic continues to evolve and advice from public health authorities – which guides Victoria's path forward – will continue to evolve with it.

What doesn't change is Metro's commitment to everyone's safety and wellbeing. As always, the latest public health advice will continue to guide our approach.

With this mind, please note:

- **Internal meetings should be held between 10am – 4pm, ongoing:**  
Metro is committed to alleviating some of the pressure employees are experiencing at this time, including those with caring or family responsibilities. Wherever possible and until further notice, internal meetings should only be scheduled between 10am and 4pm.

- **Vaccines are now available to eligible Victorians:**

Receiving a COVID-19 vaccine is one of five reasons to leave home. The Department of Health has advised available vaccines are safe. We urge all colleagues who are eligible to consider the opportunity to get vaccinated.

- **Strong COVIDSafe settings remain in place in all workplaces:**

Please speak with your one-up manager if you have any questions.

### **Staying safe, connected and informed**

The latest public health guidance will be updated regularly at [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au), including an official list of [exposure sites](#) and information around [vaccine bookings](#) and eligibility.

Staying safe also means staying connected with your one-up manager. Today's news may be challenging for some colleagues. Please remember 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.

Thank you, stay safe and be well.

Rob

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