

**From:** Employee Communications  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 June 2021 3:41 PM  
**To:** All employees  
**Subject:** Message from Rob: COVIDSafe settings to be eased further in Victoria



Dear Colleagues,

**Acting Premier James Merlino** has announced a further easing of circuit-breaker restrictions in Victoria.

This means **from 11:59pm Thursday** (tomorrow) for a two-week period:

Metropolitan Melbourne
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Movement between Metropolitan Melbourne and Regional Victoria unrestricted.</li><li>• Travel to regional Victorian Alpine Resorts permitted with conditions.</li></ul>
All of Victoria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Face masks will still need to be carried at all times and worn whenever:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>inside</b> (when not at home);</li><li>- <b>on public transport</b>; and</li><li>- <b>wherever physical distancing cannot be maintained</b>;</li></ul>except where recognised exemptions apply – see below for more information regarding Metro operational employees.</li><li>• Private gatherings in the home: limited to <b>15 visitors</b> per day together or separately, including dependants (infants under 12 months not included in the cap).</li><li>• Public gatherings will be allowed for up to <b>50 people</b>.</li><li>• Office workers can return to a <b>75 per cent cap</b> – see below for more information regarding Metro returning to office employees.</li><li>• Changes to density limits for events, including weddings and funerals.</li></ul>

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

Please remember:

- **COVIDSafe return to corporate offices:**  
Employees can continue to work from home for now, however are now also able to go back into the office. If employees are going into the office they must wear a mask while inside.
- **Strong COVIDSafe settings remain in place in all Metro workplaces:**  
In addition to our existing internal check-in systems, the Service Victoria QR Code system will be in place across Metro workplaces by 1 July. Please continue to practise the COVID-Safe behaviours and plans designed to keep everyone safe and Victoria on track for a strong recovery.
- **For our Operations and Passenger Delivery workplaces:**

- Face masks **must be worn indoors**. This includes office environments, depots and in Metro vehicles.
  - Face masks are **not mandatory when you are outdoors**, as long as you can stay 1.5 metres away from others. If you are unable to remain physically distanced, you must wear a mask.
  - Face masks **remain mandatory on public transport**.
  - Face masks may be a source of distraction when driving so **Train Drivers can choose** whether to wear a mask whilst driving. There is a maximum of three people in the train cab and the person at the controls can choose whether to wear a mask or not, all other people in the cab must wear a mask.
  - **You must carry a mask with you at all times when outside in the open air, and be ready to wear it when you cannot stay 1.5 metres physically distanced.**
- **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.

Stay safe and be well.

Rob

**Executive Director Safety and People**

