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To: All employees
Subject: Message from Rob: New COVIDSafe restrictions in Victoria



Dear Colleagues,

In response to the evolving pandemic situation, the **Premier Daniel Andrews** has just announced significant changes to Victoria's COVID-19 restrictions.

From **11.59pm tonight**, Thursday 15 July:

Stay at home unless:

- shopping for necessary goods and services (one person per household, once per day);
- caregiving or compassionate reasons;
- **authorised work** or permitted education;
- exercise (up to two hours, with one other person or members of your household)
- to receive a vaccination

Public transport remains an essential service – and a type of authorised work.

- **Face masks need to be worn everywhere except your own home.** This applies to all Metro employees, including in our workplaces – unless an approved exemption applies.
- **Employees must carry their Metro ID at all times when at work, or when travelling to and from** – to show to Victoria Police, if requested to confirm your authorised worker status.

There is a travel limit of 5km from your home, except:

- travelling to or for authorised work and permitted education;
- to access necessary goods and services where those goods and services cannot be accessed closer than 5kms from home;
- to visit an intimate partner; a person in your “single bubble” and for care and compassionate reasons.

The Premier's latest statement, including a table of restrictions and timeframes, is attached to this message.

Keeping safe means keeping informed

Metro continues to monitor the latest public health advice and we encourage our people to do the same.

The latest information will be made available at coronavirus.vic.gov.au, including the [list of exposure sites](#) and information around vaccine eligibility and bookings.

Metro continues to monitor for any cases that are known to have travelled on the public transport network. We are and will continue to work with local teams and leaders whose workplaces may be affected. Rest assured, we are prepared to take all appropriate action to keep our people and passengers safe.

Taking steps to keep everyone safe and well

The pandemic situation will evolve, but what doesn't change is our commitment to everyone's safety and wellbeing. With this mind, please note:

- **COVID-19 Reporting process:**
Metro's [COVID-19 Reporting process](#) outlines the steps that must be taken if you – or your team member – need to get tested or isolate in line with public health advice. This applies in all instances, regardless of whether you have been working from home and/or attending a workplace.
- **Metro's workforce bubble for corporate offices will remain on hold until further notice:**
This means bubbles will not resume on Monday 19 July. We will be in touch with relevant colleagues to communicate when bubbles will resume – when it is safe and appropriate to do so.
- **Vaccines are now available to eligible Victorians:**
Getting your vaccine is one of the reasons to leave home. We urge all colleagues who are eligible to consider the opportunity to [get vaccinated](#).

Staying connected and informed

These are challenging times, so it's important to stay connected with your one-up manager. Remember that additional support is always available through our [Employee Assistance Program \(EAP\) and other services](#).

Thank you, stay safe and be well.

Rob

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