

## Victorian Government's COVID-19 Response: New Restrictions and Protections for Regional Victoria

On Thursday 30 July, Premier Daniel Andrews announced the Victorian Government's response to the continued increase in community transition of COVID-19 in regional Victoria.

From 11:59pm Thursday, 30 July – Greater Geelong, Surf Coast, Moorabool, Golden Plains, Colac Otway, and Queenscliff will no longer be able to have guests in their homes, other than intimate partners.

Hospitality and retail will remain open, subject to the stage two easing restriction framework.

## **Face Coverings**

From 11:59pm Sunday, 2 August, masks, or face coverings will be mandatory in regional Victoria when outside households for everyone over the age of twelve.

That means face masks will be mandatory across Victoria, with the same exceptions that currently apply including for relevant medical conditions.

## **Further Information**

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