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Victorian Government's Suburban Containment Plan

On Tuesday 30 June, Premier Daniel Andrews announced the Victorian Government's plan to contain COVID-19 outbreaks in twelve* Melbourne postcodes.

From 11:59pm Wednesday, 1 July postcodes linked to outbreaks will revert to Stage Three restrictions until July 29. These restrictions allow for only four reasons to leave the house:

1. Shopping for food or other essential items;
2. To provide care giving, for compassionate reasons or to seek medical treatment;
3. For exercise (outdoor exercise only, with only one other person or members of your - household); and
4. Work or study - if you cannot work or study from home.

Additional restrictions have also been put in place:

- Households cannot have visitors to your home except for caregiving or compassionate reasons or receiving services.
- Individuals can no longer visit friends and family who live at another household, except for caregiving or compassionate reasons or providing services.
- Individuals must not travel except for one of the four reasons outlined above.

The businesses and facilities in these "Hot Zones" will be subject to Stage Three restrictions. The following will be closed:

- Community Sport
- Beauty Care
- Gyms
- Swimming pools
- Cinemas
- Theatres
- Gambling facilities
- Play Centres
- Golf
- Fishing

The following business and facilities will remain open:

- Supermarkets
- Retail stores (subject to density requirements)
- Hairdressers

Gatherings

Gatherings of up to two people can be made outside of the home, or for exercise purposes.

Hospitality

Cafes, restaurants, pubs, and clubs will be open for takeaway only.

Schools

Schools within these suburbs are set to return as planned from 13 July, following advice from the Chief Health Officer and the Department of Health and Human Services.

Grants for Local Businesses

Local businesses trading in these postcodes will be provided with an initial \$5000 in dedicated support if they were previously eligible for the Business Support Fund grant or a payroll tax refund.

Hot Zones

The suburbs who will be placed in Stage 3 lockdown are as follows:

Postcode	Suburbs
3012	Brooklyn, Maidstone, West Footscray, Kingsville, Brooklyn, Tottenham
3021	St Albans, Kealba, Albanvale, Kings Park
3032	Ascot Vale, Highpoint City, Maribyrnong, Travancore
3038	Keilor Downs, Keilor Lodge, Taylors Lakes, Watergardens
3042	Airport West, Niddrie, Keilor Park
3046	Glenroy, Hadfield, Oak Park
3047	Broadmeadows, Dallas, Jacana
3055	Brunswick South, Brunswick West, Moonee Vale, Moreland West
3060	Fawkner
3064	Craigieburn, Donnybrook, Mickelham, Roxburgh Park, Kalkallo
3031*	Flemington, Kensington
3051*	North Melbourne

*On Saturday 4 July, following advice from the Chief Health Officer, the number of “Hot Zone” postcodes were expanded to include 3031 and 3051.

Airports

Premier Daniel Andrews has made requests to the Federal Government that all incoming international flights be diverted to other Australian cities, and that all returned travellers quarantine outside of Victoria for the next two weeks. That is from 2 July to 16 July.

Support from the Federal Government:

The Federal government will supply support through the federal public service and Australian Defence Forces. These include:

- 100 team leaders to help with the coordination of the suburban testing blitz.
- 200 clinical staff to help free up other clinical staff

- 500 Commonwealth public servants to help with the community engagement strategy

Outside Restricted Zones

All other suburbs outside of the of *hot zones* remain subject to the [30 June, Stage Two Easing Framework](#). The Framework covers evolving allowances for weddings, funerals, religious services, community facilities, the real estate industry, libraries, caravan, national and state parks, community and indoor sports facilities, pubs and cinemas.

The staged easing of restrictions is and will remain consistent with the plans outlined by the national cabinet on Friday, 8 May.

Households

The number of visitors you can have at your home remains at five.

Gatherings

Gatherings outside of households can meet in groups of up to ten people.

Businesses

Restaurants, pubs, auction halls, community halls, libraries, museums and places of worship – can host a maximum of 20 people in any one space until 12 July.

Gyms, cinemas, theatres, and TABs can remain open – with a maximum of 20 people per space.

Sport and Recreation

Community sport for non-adults and non-contact competition for adults remain open. Ski season and accommodation facilities with communal spaces also can remain open, but with increased screening and safeguards in place.

Work from Home Orders

Victorians are instructed to work from home if possible, until at least 31 July.

Self-Isolation Payment

The Department of Health and Human Services is providing a one-off \$1,500 payment designed to financially support Victorian workers without access to sick leave who, as of 20 June, have been instructed by the department to self-isolate or quarantine at home because they are either diagnosed with coronavirus (COVID-19) or are a close contact of a confirmed case.

Further Information

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