

12 February 2021

Victorian Government COVID-19 Response: Circuit Breaker Restrictions

On Friday, 12 February Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews and Health Minister Martin Foley announced a snap five-day lockdown in order to avoid the prospect of a third wave.

Caseload

As of 12 February 2021, Victoria recorded its thirteenth case connected to the Holiday Inn cluster. Health advice noted of major is a positive case in an infectious worker at a cafe in Melbourne airport.

As such, Terminal 4, at Melbourne Airport has been added to our list of Tier 1 exposure sites. The Victorian Government has asked anyone who was in Terminal 4 between 4:45am – 2pm on 9 February to immediately isolate, get tested and remain in isolation for 14 days from when they were there.

For a full list of exposure sites and locations where you can get a test, click [here](#).

Circuit-Breaker Restrictions

The Premier noted that health advisers “*assume there are further cases in the community that [contact tracers] haven’t caught up with*”. As such, ‘Circuit-Breaker’ restrictions are necessary to ensure Victoria avoids a third wave involving the more infectious UK-strain of the COVID-19 Virus.

On Saturday, 13 February Victoria will move to Stage Four restrictions until midnight, Wednesday, 17 February. These restrictions allow for only four reasons to leave households:

1. Shopping for food or other essential items – within five kilometres of an individual’s household.
2. To provide care giving, for compassionate reasons or to seek medical treatment.
3. For exercise – within five kilometres of an individual’s household – with household members, intimate partner, or one other person who is not from a household or a partner.
4. Work or study if you cannot work or study from home.

Intrastate travel: travel limit of 5km from place of primary residence.

COVID Restrictions – Saturday 13 until Wednesday 17 February

Circuit Breaker Restrictions – From Saturday 12 February	
Category	Restrictions
Social	<p>Public gatherings: Not permitted (two people for exercise, or members of your household).</p> <p>Visitors to the home: Not permitted. Intimate partner visits are allowed.</p>
Education and childcare	<p>Early learning centres, childcare, family day care: Open</p> <p>School: Schools closed but open for vulnerable children and the children of essential workers.</p> <p>Higher education and training: Closed, remote learning only</p>
Work	<p>Offices: If you can work from home, you must work from home</p> <p>All workplaces with onsite workers require a COVIDSafe Plan.</p>
Hospitality	<p>Hospitality: Open for takeaway only.</p>

Shopping, hairdressing and personal care	<p>Real estate: Closed.</p> <p>Essential retail: Open, DQ 1 per 4sqm.</p> <p>Other/general retail: Closed.</p> <p>Auction houses: Closed, (permitted online).</p> <p>Hairdressing, beauty and personal care services: Closed.</p>
Exercise and recreation	<p>Indoor physical recreation and community sport: Closed.</p> <p>Gym and exercise classes: Closed.</p> <p>Outdoor physical recreation and community sport: Outdoor playgrounds remain open.</p> <p>Pools, spas, saunas, steam rooms and springs: Closed.</p>
Ceremonies and Occasions	<p>Weddings (indoor and outdoor): not permitted (unless for compassionate reasons).</p> <p>Funerals (indoor and outdoor): Funerals will be permitted with up to ten people, plus those who conduct the service.</p> <p>Religious gatherings and ceremonies: No in-person gatherings permitted. Broadcast permitted.</p>
Entertainment and Leisure	<p>Closed: Except professional athletes are defined as essential workers, venues hosting professional sporting competitions can open, with essential staff attending to ensure the safe running of the event. No spectators.</p> <p>Seated entertainment venues (indoors and outdoors): Closed</p> <p>Indoor non-seated venues (such as galleries): Closed.</p> <p>Outdoor non-seated entertainment venues (such as Zoos, live museums): Closed</p> <p>Drive in cinemas: Closed.</p> <p>Amusement parks: Closed.</p> <p>Gaming: Closed.</p> <p>Nightclubs: Closed.</p>
Community and Arts Facilities	<p>Community venues and facilities including libraries and toy libraries: No patron caps with a density quotient of 1 per 2sqm, subject to use of electronic record keeping. If not using electronic record keeping a density quotient of 1 per 4sqm applies.</p> <p>Creative arts facilities: No patron caps with a density quotient of 1 per 2sqm, subject to use of electronic record keeping.</p>
Travel and Accommodation	<p>Accommodation: Closed unless for permitted reasons, or shelter in place. No new bookings. Current guests can remain.</p>
Care facilities and hospitals	<p>Visitor restrictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No visitors are permitted into aged care or other residential facility settings, except for end-of-life reasons • Non-essential contractors are restricted from entry <p>Hospital Visits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor restrictions: • No visitors are permitted into health care settings, except for end-of-life reasons, as a support partner for birth, or a parent to accompany a child • Non-essential contractors are restricted from entry



For further details see the Victorian Government's [Circuit-Breaker Restrictions framework](#).