



High Risk COVID Safe Plans – Additional Information

The Victorian Government has today issued new and more detailed COVID-19 guidance to the [transport, postal, and warehouse](#) industry. In addition to Permits, COVID Safe Plans and contact logs, we now have an additional requirement to have a [High Risk COVID Safe Plan](#) if your operation is located within the stage 4 restricted area.

The new requirements are detailed below:

Warehouse and Distribution Centres

From 11:59 am on Saturday 8 August the following changes will need to be adopted by Melbourne warehouse and distribution centres. Each warehouse and distribution centres will:

- enact a [High Risk COVID Safe Plan](#) focused on safety, prevention and response if coronavirus cases are linked to their workplace
- increase the regularity of deep cleaning
- enforce the wearing of face coverings by staff on site
- where practicable COVID Safe Plans should be designed with input from employees and their representatives.

In addition, from 1:59 pm on Sunday 9 August, Melbourne warehouse and distribution centres will:

- reduce the number of people in the workplace.

The restrictions do not apply to other warehouse and distribution centres in regional Victoria.

There are exceptions to the reduced operations requirement for supermarket warehouses and distribution centres, which are covered separately. Warehouses and distribution centres with perishable food apply the same requirements as supermarket warehouses. Warehouses and distribution centres that are licensed under the Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Act 1981 for the supply of medicines listed under Schedules 2, 3, 4, and 8 are exempt from the requirement on level of operation (operating with no more than 67 per cent of their daily peak and daily total workforce).

Warehouses and distribution centres that distribute medical devices and consumables that are registered on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG) are exempt from the requirement on level of operation (operating with no more than 67 per cent of their daily peak and daily total workforce).