

COVID-19 Update for Freight & Logistics Sector – Information

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The Victorian Government and Freight Victoria have issued further updates and guidance about Stage 4 work restrictions following consultation with industry, including the Victorian Transport Association.

Business Activity Directions Come Into Effect

On-site business activity across Melbourne is now limited to permitted industries as part of a comprehensive effort to reduce movement and slow the spread of coronavirus, after the Chief Health Officer's directions came into effect at 11:59pm last night. Please refer to the [media release](#) from the Premier regarding Business Activity Directions coming into effect.

Sector and Business Guidance

Business Victoria has also issued updated guidance for specific sectors, including [Wholesale Trade](#), [Transport, Postal and Warehousing](#), [Retail Trade](#) and [Manufacturing](#).

The VTA is advocating for the current requirement that supermarket distribution centres and warehouses reduce their workforce by 33% **not** go ahead. We believe such a requirement will put pressure on all supply chains, especially grocery and fresh food supply chains, ultimately resulting in shortages on shelves. Discussions are progressing with Freight Victoria and the Victorian Government and we will provide further advice as it comes to hand.

We appreciate the support from members and their patience as we advocate for the best possible outcomes for our industry and the Victorian community.

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