



11<sup>th</sup> August 2021

The [Victorian Government has announced](#) the lockdown in metropolitan Melbourne will be extended for seven days and cross-border communities will require a permit to travel between Victoria and NSW.

**For metropolitan Melbourne, this means:**

- Restrictions will remain in place until 11:59pm, Thursday 19 August.
- There are only five reasons to leave home: getting the food and the supplies you need, exercising for up to two hours, care or caregiving, authorised work or education if you can't do it from home, or to get vaccinated at the nearest possible location.
- Face masks will remain mandatory indoors (not at home) and outdoors, including all workplaces, unless an exception applies.
- If you can work from home, you must work from home.
- Shopping and exercise must be done within 5km of your home or the nearest location.

**For Victoria and NSW cross-border communities, this means:**

- All residents of the cross-border community local government areas will now be required to obtain a permit to cross between Victoria and NSW from 6pm, Friday 13 August.
- Residents will be able to apply for a permit from Thursday afternoon at the [Service Victoria website](#) and via the Service Victoria app.

**The permitted reasons cross-border community residents can cross the Victorian-NSW border include:**

- Necessary goods and services, including medical care
- Care or other compassionate reasons
- Work (whether paid or voluntary, including for charitable or religious purposes)
- Education (including childcare or early childhood services)
- Receiving a COVID-19 vaccination
- Organised/community sport and exercise connected to or organised by a club or facility.

**More information about the current restrictions is available on the coronavirus website:**

- [Metropolitan Melbourne](#)
- [Regional Victoria](#)
- [Enter your details](#) to confirm whether metropolitan Melbourne or regional Victoria restrictions apply to your address.

Encourage your workers to [get tested immediately](#) if they are ill and stay up to date with the latest [exposure sites](#).

Businesses are also urged to support workers to get vaccinated. Appointments can be booked on the [Department of Health](#) website.