

COVID-19 VICTORIA

FAQS

LOCKDOWN UPDATE | METRO MELBOURNE | AUGUST 16 2021.



Further COVID restrictions are now in force for METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE until at least September 2.

The following restrictions now apply in Metropolitan Melbourne.

Note: Additional restrictions announced on Aug 16 are shown in red.

- **There are only 5 reasons to leave home:**
 - ▶ Shopping (within 5km of home, unless nearest shop further than 5km)
 - ▶ Exercise (within 5km of home, max 2 hours per day, with max 1 other person or members of your household)
 - ▶ Authorised work or Education
 - ▶ Caregiving & medical treatments
 - ▶ To get vaccinated
- **Curfew – A curfew is now in place between 9pm and 5am daily.**
- ***Permitted Worker Permits will be required for anyone who must attend the workplace for work. This includes ministers, staff and volunteers involved in worship broadcasting.**
- **Masks** must be worn (indoors and outside) unless at home or with a valid exemption.
- **No visitors to the home, other than intimate partner.** Anyone who lives alone may create a “bubble” with one other person.
- **No public gatherings.**
- **Playgrounds, basketball courts, skate parks and outdoor exercise equipment is closed.**
- **The removal of masks to consume alcohol outdoors is not permitted.**
- **Worship services** – Broadcast only.
 - ▶ 5 people max in broadcasting.
 - ▶ **Must be the same 5 people each week (NOT a rotating roster).**
 - ▶ **Must all have a valid Permitted Worker Permit, submitted to Synod.**
- **Funerals** – maximum of 10 people plus those required to conduct the funeral.
- **Weddings may not proceed.** The only exceptions are for end-of-life or if deportation is pending.
- **Schools** – closed except for vulnerable children or children of emergency workers.
- **Adult education** – Online only.

- **Childcare and Early Learning** – may remain open.
- **Restaurants/Cafes** – Open for takeaway or delivery services only.
- **Libraries and Toy Libraries** – Click and Collect services only.
- **Residential Aged Care** – No visitors, with very limited exceptions.
- **Hospitals** – Visitors only for end-of-life, or one support person for childbirth.
- **All entertainment, hospitality, accommodation and tourism to remain closed.**
- Travel between Metro Melbourne and Regional Victoria is not allowed, unless for a permitted reason.
- Residents of cross-border community local government areas will be required to obtain a permit to cross between Victoria and NSW from 6pm, Friday 13 August.

***Permitted Worker Permits are now required for anyone who is unable to work from home and whose work is permitted/essential under the current restrictions. This will again apply to all staff, ministers and volunteers of the Uniting Church. Further information will be available on this website shortly, including a Permitted Worker Permit Application form.**

How you can help ensure Melbourne's lockdown ends

Please regularly check the list of exposure sites at www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites

If you have been to any of those locations during the periods listed, follow the relevant advice for that exposure site.

Metropolitan Melbourne is defined as consisting of the following Local Government areas: Banyule, Bayside, Boroondara, Brimbank, Cardinia, Casey, Darebin, Frankston, Glen Eira, Greater

Dandenong, Hobsons Bay, Hume, Kingston, Knox, Manningham, Maribyrnong, Maroondah, Melbourne, Melton, Monash, Moonee Valley, Moreland, Mornington Peninsula, Nillumbik, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Whitehorse, Whittlesea, Wyndham, Yarra, Yarra Ranges

Should you require any further detail, please see DHHS website: [DHHS website](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au) or the [Coronavirus Victoria](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au) website.

Should you have any further questions please email the [Crisis Management Team](mailto:crisis@unitingchurch.org.au).



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