

Social distancing requirements remain in place to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres away from people who you do not ordinarily reside with.

It remains mandatory to carry a face covering at all times and wear a face mask while on public transport, in a commercial passenger vehicle, in an indoor hospital, care facility, retail shopping centre or retail facility with more than 2,000 sqm floorspace or at a market, unless an exemption applies.¹

References to **electronic record-keeping** refer to the records requirements under the Workplace Directions which states records must be maintained of all workers and visitors who attend a premises for longer than 15 minutes (at a minimum). The record must include:

1. The person's first name
2. The person's contact number
3. The date and time at which the person attended the premises; and
4. The areas of the premises attended.

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Community facilities² - Further information of Victorian Government website	<i>Density quotient: 1 person per 2sqm³</i>
Eg. community centre or community hall, public library (including toy library), youth centre, playground, skatepark or trampolining area in an outdoor space, outdoor communal exercise equipment ⁴	Permitted – Yes. With restrictions
This would include Men's Sheds and Clubs	In each indoor and outdoor space at one time (excluding infants under one year of age):
and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if the operator uses electronic record-keeping number of persons permitted in each space, the density quotient;⁶ or • if electronic record keeping is not used, the density quotient is increased to 1 persons per 4 sqm.⁷ • With the Public Event Framework to apply where the event proposes to accommodate over 1000 persons.⁸
Essential support groups eg. for alcohol and drugs, family violence and parenting ⁵	Any dancefloor must only permit the lesser of 50 persons or a reduced density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm on the dancefloor at one time (excluding infants under 1 year of age) ⁹
	Weddings and funerals must be compliant with the Stay Safe Directions (Vic)(No 4). ¹⁰ (see below)

¹ [Stay Safe Directions \(Victoria\) \(No 10\)](#), Cl 1 and 7.

² [Restricted Activity Directions \(Victoria\) \(No 5\)](#), Cl 7.

³ [Restricted Activity Directions \(Victoria\) \(No 3\)](#), Cl 22(19) and [Workplace Directions \(No 17\)](#), Cl 6(13)-(14).

⁴ [Restricted Activity Directions \(Victoria\) \(No 5\)](#), Cl 7(2)

⁵ See [Restricted Activity Directions](#), Cl 9(2)(c).

⁶ [Restricted Activity Directions \(Victoria\) \(No 5\)](#), Cl 7(3)(b)(i).

⁷ [Restricted Activity Directions \(Victoria\) \(No 5\)](#), Cl 7(3)(b)(ii).

⁸ [Restricted Activity Directions \(Victoria\) \(No 5\)](#), Cl 7(3)(b), Notes.

⁹ [Restricted Activity Directions \(Victoria\) \(No 5\)](#), Cl 7(3)(c) and 18.

¹⁰ [Restricted Activity Directions \(Victoria\) \(No 5\)](#), Cl 7(3)(a).

Essential support services ¹¹ eg. food banks, or services for homeless persons or providing an exclusive venue for the exclusive use of a single school for educational or school gathering purposes if family and friends of students are permitted to attend. ¹²	Permitted without further restriction where weddings and funerals at the premises are conducted in compliance with the Stay Safe Directions (Vic)(No 4). ¹³
Childcare facilities ¹⁴ Eg. childcare and early learning services ¹⁵	Permitted – Yes. Workplace Directions apply. A COVIDSafe Plan must be in place and be complied with by the employer and all workers . ¹⁶ Records must be maintained of all workers and visitors who attend the premises in accordance with the Workplace Directions records requirement. Records must also be kept to demonstrate compliance with the Workplace directions such as logs, rosters, attendance records and payroll data. ¹⁷
Playgroups	Permitted – Yes. Refer to general guidance above for community centres etc.
Ready Steady Go for Kids	Play centres are permitted to operate subject to the density quotient however where the maximum capacity is over 500 persons or more a COVIDSafe Plan must be published on the facility’s website. ¹⁸ (see guidance re Physical Recreational facilities)
Tutoring organisations using church properties	Permitted – Yes. Workplace Directions apply. A COVIDSafe Plan must be in place and be complied with by the employer and all workers . ¹⁹ Records must be maintained of all workers and visitors who attend the premises in accordance with the Workplace Directions records requirement. Records must also be kept to demonstrate compliance with the Workplace directions such as logs, rosters, attendance records and payroll data. ²⁰

¹¹ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 7(4)(a).

¹² Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 7(4)(b).

¹³ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 7(4).

¹⁴ Restricted Activity Directions, Cl 16(3).

¹⁵ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria)(No 5), Cl 22(11), defined as an onsite early childhood education or care service or children’s service provide under the Education and Care Services National Law and the Education and Care services National Regulations, including long day care services, kindergarten or preschool and family day care services, but not including outside school hours care services; and the Children’s Service Act 1996 including limited hours services, budget based funded services, occasional care services, early childhood intervention services, mobile services and school holiday programs.

¹⁶ Workplace Directions (No 17), Cl 6(3)-(4).

¹⁷ Workplace Directions (No 17), Cl 6(11).

¹⁸ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 5(5).

¹⁹ Workplace Directions (No 12), Cl 6(3)-(4).

²⁰ Workplace Directions (No 12), Cl 6(11).

Musical rehearsals and lessons	<p>Permitted – Yes. Refer to general guidance above for community centres etc.</p> <p>Government guidance still recommends that indoor venues should be well ventilated and that persons maintain a 2m distance from one another. It is also strongly recommended that a face mask is worn if a 1.5m distance cannot be maintained.</p>
Entertainment facilities ²¹ - Refer to Industry Restart Guidelines	<i>Density quotient: 1 person per 2sqm</i> ²²
<p>Eg. theatre, cinema, musical/concert hall or auditorium, gallery, museum etc.²³</p>	<p>Permitted - Yes. With restrictions</p> <p>Seated (theatre, cinema, music/concert halls or auditoriums, arenas or stadiums):²⁴ the lesser of (excepting infants under one year of age):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% of the maximum seated space capacity; and • for each seated space at the facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ all activities are ticketed; and ○ the number of members of the public permitted in the seated in the seated space at any one time is limited to the lesser of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 75% of the maximum seated space capacity; and ▪ 1000; <p><i>*entry and egress from the seated or non-seated space must be monitored and staggered to ensure compliance with these limits</i></p> <p><u>and;</u> the number of members of the public permitted in the non-seated in the seated space at any one time is limited to the lesser of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ if the operator uses electronic record-keeping, the number permitted by density quotient; and ▪ if the operator does not use electronic record-keeping a reduced 1 person per 4 per sqm density quotient. <p>Non-seated <u>indoor</u> entertainment facility (gallery or museum):²⁵ the lesser of (excepting infants under one year of age):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% of the maximum capacity for the facility states in the occupancy permit; and • 1000; • With the Public Event Framework to apply where the event proposes to accommodate over 1000 persons;²⁶and • The number of members of the public in any <u>non-seated indoor space</u> at one time is limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ if the operator uses electronic record-keeping, the number permitted by density quotient; and ○ if the operator does not use electronic record-keeping a reduced 1 person per 4 per sqm density quotient; and ○ 1000.

²¹ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 8.

²² Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 22(20) and Workplace Directions (Victoria)(No 17), Cl 6(13)-(14).

²³ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 8(2).

²⁴ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 8(3).

²⁵ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 8(5).

²⁶ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 8(5), Notes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of members of the public in any <u>seated indoor space</u> at one time (excepting infants under one year of age) is limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 75% of the maximum seated space capacity. <p>Non-seated outdoor entertainment facility (gallery or museum):²⁷ In each outdoor space, the lesser of (excepting infants under one year of age):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> if the operator uses electronic record-keeping, the number permitted by density quotient; and if the operator does not use electronic record-keeping a reduced 1 person per 4 per sqm density quotient; and The number of members of the public in any <u>seated space</u> at one time is limited to 75% of the maximum seated space capacity. <p><u>In all circumstances:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> where the facility has a maximum capacity under the Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria)(No 3) of 500 persons or more, a COVIDSafe Plan must be posted on the organisations website.²⁸ The operator must also use all reasonable endeavours to implement relevant recommendations by the Victorian Government to manage public health risks arising out of the operation of the facility.²⁹ Any dancefloor must only permit the lesser of 50 persons or a reduced density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm on the dancefloor at one time (excluding infants under 1 year of age)³⁰
<p>Maintenance of church properties Density quotient: 1 person per 2sqm³¹</p>	
<p>Individuals and Working Bees</p>	<p>Permitted – Yes. Workplace Directions apply.</p> <p>A COVIDSafe Plan must be in place and be complied with by the employer/operator and all workers/volunteers.</p> <p>Records must be maintained of all workers and visitors who attend the premises in accordance with the Workplace Directions records requirement.</p> <p>Records must also be kept to demonstrate compliance with the Workplace directions such as logs, rosters, attendance records and payroll data.</p> <p><i>The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) considers that persons at higher risk of serious illness if infected with the virus should undertake essential work, an individual risk assessment must be undertaken and a COVIDSafe risk mitigation strategy implemented. See the current advice on the Department of Health website for further detail.</i></p>

²⁷ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 8(7).

²⁸ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 8(3)(e), Cl 8(5)(d) and Cl 8(7)(c).

²⁹ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 8(3)(f), Cl 8(5)(e) and Cl 8(7)(d).

³⁰ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 8(3)(g), Cl 8(5)(f), Cl 8(7)(e) and Cl 18.

³¹ Workplace Directions (Victoria)(No 17), Cl 6(13)-(14).

Places of Worship ³² - refer to Govt FAQ Density quotient: 1 person per 2sqm	
Lunches	<p>Food or drink can be served as part of a religious gathering or after a religious gathering.</p> <p>No sharing of food, drink, crockery, utensils, vessels or other equipment is permitted.³³</p> <p>Updated government guidance recommends recommended that one person serves or distributes food or drinks. For example, one person uses the urn for hot water for tea.</p>
Religious Gatherings and Ceremonies Eg. Services, Mass, Eucharist, blessings	<p>Permitted – Yes. With restrictions.</p> <p><i>*Note: nothing in the Restricted Activity Directions is intended to prevent or otherwise affect the operation or use of a facility for emergency refuge, shelter or relief purposes in accordance with the emergency management arrangement under the Emergency Management Act 2013.</i>³⁴</p> <p>Indoor or Outdoor:³⁵</p> <p>The lesser of (excluding infants under 1 year of age):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if the operator uses electronic record-keeping number of persons permitted in each space, the density quotient; or • if electronic record keeping is not used, the density quotient is increased to 1 persons per 4 sqm based on the total area of the indoor or outdoor space accessible to the public; where • the gathering or ceremony is conducted at either the place of worship or at an outdoor space proximate to the place of worship. <p>Density restrictions will not apply if the place of worship is being operated for the purpose of hosting an essential public support service (eg. food bank or service for the homeless).³⁶</p> <p>Food or drink can be served as part of a religious gathering or after a religious gathering however at places of worship no sharing of food, drink, crockery, utensils, vessels or other equipment permitted.^{37]} It is recommended that single use items are used to serve food or drink. It is recommended that one person serves or distributes food or drinks. For example, one person uses the urn for hot water for tea.</p> <p>If work is being performed by volunteers at the premises it is permissible to provide food and drink to those volunteers however this must not be shared. Instead consider prepacked individual meals with disposable cutlery and bottled/canned beverages.</p>

³² Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria)(No 5), Cl 9.

³³ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 9(2)(c).

³⁴ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 9(1), Notes and Cl 20.

³⁵ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 9(2).

³⁶ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 9(3).

³⁷ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 9(2)(c).

	<p>Any dancefloor must only permit the lesser of 50 persons or a reduced density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm on the dancefloor at one time (excluding infants under 1 year of age)³⁸</p> <p><i>Note: Assembly guidelines on Holy Communion online during COVID have been extended by ASC to the end of June 2021 Holy Communion in person is possible with careful planning which maintains all the distancing, hygiene and no shared food requirements (for further info see recent eNews article by Rev Dr Sally Douglas</i></p> <p>Singing and chanting can take place however the following measures are recommended by the current Government guidance (as at 18 January 2021):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • outside or in a well ventilated room (eg. windows open) • persons maintain a 2m distance from one another; • short performances (less than an hour) • wearing a mask when singing indoors; • singing softly; • free standing or ceiling fans are not recommended; • performers should maintain a 5m distance from the audience.
<p>Weddings and Funerals (at or proximate to places of worship)</p>	<p>Permitted in accordance with Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria)(No 5) regarding Religious Gatherings and Ceremonies. No limit on group sizes.</p> <p>Records must be maintained of all workers and visitors who attend the premises in accordance with the Workplace Directions records requirement.³⁹</p>
<p>Physical recreation facilities⁴⁰: refer to Industry Restart Guidelines</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Density quotient: 1 person per 4sqm⁴¹</i></p>	
<p>gymnasium, health club, fitness centre, yoga/pilates/barre/dance studio, spin facility, indoor basketball court, indoor climbing facility, squash court, table tennis centre</p> <p>This would include dance and martial arts classes and the like</p>	<p>Permitted – Yes. With restrictions</p> <p>Indoors:</p> <p><i>Note: face covering recommended indoors and outdoors where social distancing cannot be maintained.⁴²</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Up to the</u> density quotient excluding infants under one year but including spectators (distancing continues to apply)⁴³ • Each group/class/session limited to the lesser of (not including infants under one year or carers): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the density quotient; and ○ 50⁴⁴

³⁸ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 9(2)(d) Cl 18.

³⁹ Stay Safe Directions (Victoria)(No 4), Cl 7(4) and Workplace Directions (No 12), Cl 6(7).

⁴⁰ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 5(2).)

⁴¹ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 5(3)(a) and Cl 5(4)(b)(ii).

⁴² <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/face-masks>

⁴³ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 5(3)(a).

⁴⁴ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 5(3)(b).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In an indoor seated space, the lesser of (excluding infants under one year of age and carers): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 75% of the maximum seated space capacity; and ○ 1000.⁴⁵ • COVID Marshal must be on-site if cardio or strength training is being performed (this may be the instructor)⁴⁶ • Unstaffed cardio or strength training facilities limited to 1 person per 8sqm density quotient,⁴⁷ and must provide disinfectant and other cleaning products available.⁴⁸ <p>Outdoors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permitted where all physical and recreation is conducted in an outdoor space,⁴⁹ and, a reasonable distance can be maintained between each group/class/session at all times.⁵⁰ • Limit of the lesser of (excluding infants under one year of age and carers): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the density quotient if the operator uses electronic record-keeping; or ○ the density quotient including spectators if the operator does not use electronic record keeping; and ○ 1000.⁵¹ • Each group/class/session limited to the lesser of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the density quotient (excluding infants under one year of age and carers); and ○ 100.⁵² • In an outdoor seated space the lesser of (excluding infants under one year of age and carers); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 75% of the maximum seated space capacity; and ○ 1000.⁵³ <p>In all circumstances shared equipment to be cleaned between users⁵⁴</p> <p>Further, where the maximum capacity for the facility is 500 or more, a COVIDSafe Plan must be published in the facility's website.⁵⁵</p>
Play centres, and indoor skateparks and trampolining centres	Play centres are permitted to operate subject to the density quotient however where the maximum capacity is over 500 persons or more a COVIDSafe Plan must be published on the facility's website. ⁵⁶
Community sport⁵⁷:	<i>Density quotient: N/A</i>

⁴⁵ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 5(3)(c).

⁴⁶ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 5(3)(f)(ii).

⁴⁷ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 5(3)(f)(i)(B).

⁴⁸ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 5(3)(f)(iii).

⁴⁹ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 5(4)(a).

⁵⁰ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 5(4)(e).

⁵¹ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 5(4)(b).

⁵² Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 5(4)(c).

⁵³ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 5(4)(d).

⁵⁴ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 5(3)(d) and 5(4)(f).

⁵⁵ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 5(3)(e) & Cl 5(4)(g).

⁵⁶ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 5(5).

⁵⁷ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 6.

refer to Industry Restart Guidelines	<p>Permitted – Yes. With restrictions</p> <p>Indoors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 50 members of the public participate for individual events.⁵⁸ <p>Outdoors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 100 members of the public participate for individual events.⁵⁹ <p>Eg. running and cycling are individual events</p> <p>In all circumstances referees, trainers, carers, parents/guardians (and any child/dependent that are unable to make alternative care arrangements for) of persons with disability not considered ‘participants’⁶⁰</p>
<p>Food and Drink facility⁶¹: refer to Industry Restart Guidelines</p>	<p><i>Density quotient: 1 person per 2sqm</i></p>
<p>Including cafeteria, canteen whether or not operated on a for-profit basis.</p>	<p>Permitted – Yes. With restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where the total area of all indoor and outdoor spaces accessible to members of the public at the facility is <u>less than 50 sqm</u>, the number of members of the public permitted in the facility at any one time is limited to (excluding infants under one year of age): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25 persons where electronic record keeping is used; or A lesser density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm if electronic record keeping is not used.⁶² Where the total area of all indoor and outdoor spaces accessible to members of the public at the facility is <u>50 sqm or more</u>, the number of members of the public permitted in the facility at any one time is limited to (excluding infants under one year of age): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The density quotient where electronic record keeping is used; or A lesser density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm if electronic record keeping is not used.⁶³
<p>Creative Art facility⁶⁴: refer to Industry Restart Guidelines</p>	<p><i>Density quotient: 1 person per 2sqm</i></p>
<p>Including arts studio, ceramics studio, music room or studio, rehearsal room or studio (but</p>	<p>Permitted – Yes. With restrictions</p>

⁵⁸ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 6(1)(a).

⁵⁹ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 6(1)(b).

⁶⁰ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 6, Notes.

⁶¹ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 12(2)

⁶² Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 12(5)(a).

⁶³ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 12(5)(b).

⁶⁴ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 17.

not a physical recreation facility, community facility or place of worship)	In each indoor and outdoor space at one time (excluding infants under one year of age)⁶⁵: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• if the operator uses electronic record-keeping number of persons permitted in each space, the density quotient; or• if electronic record keeping is not used, the density quotient is increased to 1 persons per 4 sqm.
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⁶⁵ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 5), Cl 17(3).