

# VICTORIA'S CIRCUIT BREAKER

Premier Daniel Andrews has announced the whole of Victoria will move to circuit-breaker action from 11.59pm on Friday 12 February until 11.59pm on Wednesday 17 February.

This is in response to the hyper-infectious variant of coronavirus (COVID-19) that is moving at speed.

This virus is smarter, and faster, and more infectious.

And until we have a vaccine, we need to do everything we can to keep this virus at bay.

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## Overview of restrictions

From 11.59pm on Friday 12 February until 11.59pm on Wednesday 17 February:

- There will be four reasons to leave your home: shopping for the things you need, care and caregiving, exercise and essential work. Everyone else will need to work from home.
- Exercise and shopping will be limited to five kilometres from your home. If there's no shops in your five-kilometre radius, you'll be able to travel to the ones closest to you.
- Face masks will need to be worn indoors and outdoors – whenever you leave home.
- You will not be able to have visitors to your home.
- Any public gatherings will not be able to go ahead.
- School students will learn from home, unless they need onsite supervision as the children of essential workers.
- Universities and TAFEs will close or move to remote learning.

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## Overview of restrictions continued:

- Childcare and kindergartens will remain open.
- Gyms, pools, community centres, entertainment venues and libraries will all close.
- All non-essential retail will close, but essential stores like supermarkets, bottle shops and pharmacies will remain open.
- Cafes and restaurants will only be able to offer take-away.
- Hotel and accommodation providers will be able to stay open to support guests already staying onsite. No new bookings can be made.
- Funerals will be able to go ahead with up to ten people.
- Weddings will need to be postponed.

A full list of essential providers and who is considered an essential worker is now available as part of the Table of Restrictions included in the Premier's statement.

<https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/statement-premier-85>

# For Manufacturing Sector

- Non-essential work should stop for the 5 day lockdown
- Office workers must work from home
- If you are an essential service provider, you can continue to operate
- If you're an exporter, you can continue to operate (for national and international supply chains)
- If you directly support an essential service provider or state critical project, you can continue to operate to service the provider/project only
- Essential workers responsible for shut-down, critical maintenance, security and safety can continue to work to perform their duties
- Update your COVIDSafe plan to reflect current restrictions
- Make sure remaining workers are abiding by updated COVIDSafe plan
  - Wearing masks; physical distancing; good hygiene; record keeping; minimise worker movement

**For the latest information on restrictions and creating a COVIDSafe workplace:**

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au>

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# Creating a COVIDSafe workplace

- Every business that is open for onsite operations must have an up to date COVIDSafe Plan.
- Every worker must wear a fitted face mask, both indoors and outdoors.
- Cleaning, signage, record keeping, and other COVIDSafe requirements continue to apply for all venues and facilities with onsite operations as per the Workplace Directions.
- The Density Quotient applies to all venues and spaces that are accessible to the public (and in closed workplaces, to shared spaces such as lunchrooms).

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## Essential providers

- a. supermarket, grocery store, bakery, butcher, fruit and vegetable store or fishmonger; or
- b. an indoor or outdoor market, but only to obtain groceries or fresh food; or
- c. a restaurant, café, pub, bar or hotel, whether licensed or unlicensed, but only to the extent that: i. it provides takeaway meals or drinks or a meal delivery service; or ii. it provides food or drink to the homeless
- d. a bottleshop
- e. A financial institution; or
- f. consular and diplomatic services; or
- g. court, tribunal or commission services;
- h. a post office; or
- i. a news agent; or
- j. a pharmacy; or
- k. a petrol station (including a petrol station that sells groceries); or
- l. vehicle and mechanical repair services; or
- m. a pet store or veterinary clinic; or
- n. urgent services necessary for the health and safety of any person, animal or premises; or
- o. essential child protection activities
- p. a childcare or family day care provider; or
- q. a school, but only to the extent that education services are provided to the child of an essential worker or to vulnerable children
- r. a 'click and deliver' service

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## Permitted workers

Any person who performs work that is essential for the continued operation of:

- a. an essential provider; or
- b. essential health services; or
- c. funerary or mortuary services or related activities; or
- d. emergency services, including:
  - i. the State Emergency Services; and
  - ii. fire fighting services; and
  - iii. paramedical services; and
  - iv. ambulance services; and
  - v. air ambulance and medical retrieval services (including Royal Flying Doctor Service); and
  - vi. police services or Protective Services Officer stationed on border duties or otherwise engaged in policing duties; and
  - vii. military and defence services deployed for activities in Victoria; or
  - i. state security or national security;
- e. essential infrastructure and essential services without which the safety, health or welfare of the community or a section of the community would be endangered or seriously prejudiced (whether provided by a public or private undertaking);
- f. emergency repair workers
- g. a person who is critical to, and involved in, the State's COVID-19 response (including in hotel quarantine);
- h. roadside assistance services;
- j. a member of Parliament

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## Permitted workers continued:

Any person who performs work that is essential for the continued operation of:

- k. anyone required to ensure the functioning of the Victorian Parliament
- l. domestic and commercial waste and resource recovery services (including collection, treatment and disposal services and transfer stations);
- m. Commonwealth agency services, including Australian Border Force and Commonwealth law enforcement and intelligence agency services;
- n. Services related to the administration of justice; journalist and media services;
- p. a factory or facility that is not able to be shut down without causing damage or loss to plant and equipment, but only those operations that are necessary in order to prevent that damage or loss;
- q. mining, building or construction services for critical infrastructure work, which includes, for the avoidance of doubt, road construction services;
- r. a FIFO worker;
- s. administrative services provided by an employer to enable its employees to work from home. Example: Payroll and IT services
- t. organisations that provide urgent services necessary for the health and safety of any person, animal or premises. Example: the performance of emergency plumbing services, Centrelink services and foodbanks.
- u. public transport, including taxis, rideshare services and other public passenger services;
- v. air transport (including the operation of airports);
- w. port operations;
- x. freight services (including postal and courier services);
- y. a transport, freight or logistics driver;
- z. National Heavy Vehicle Regulator compliance activities;

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## Permitted workers continued:

Any person who performs work that is essential for the continued operation of:

- aa. a blood bank
- ab. care services for people with particular needs because of homelessness, age, infirmity, disability, illness or a chronic health condition;
- ac. truck stops and roadhouses, but not the provision of seated dining or shower facilities to persons who are not transport, freight or logistics drivers;
- ad. production and distribution of;
  - i. food and groceries for sale by a supermarket, butcher, fruit and vegetable store, market or fishmonger (including for sale by operators of such premises at an indoor or outdoor market); or
  - ii. liquor for sale at a bottleshop; or
  - iii. medical and pharmaceutical products;
- ad. commercial operations that supply goods or service necessary:
  - i. for the implementation of measures to limit the spread of COVID-19; or
  - ii. to support any business activity that may be carried out in accordance with these directions; or
  - iii. to support the export of goods and services from Victoria. Example: manufacturing of personal protective equipment or hand sanitiser, or dry cleaning services.
- ae. primary industries only to the extent necessary to ensure adequate supply of food to, and care of, animals and maintenance of crops.
- af. a hotel, motel or other accommodation facility to the extent that they provide accommodation services;
- ag. forestry;

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## Permitted workers continued:

ah. manufacturing, fabrication or assembly of goods and materials necessary for or related to supporting defence or security industries; or a person who is:

i. a member of the Parliament of Victoria or the Commonwealth of Australia, or a person on the staff of such a member of parliament;

ii. critical to, and involved in, the State's COVID-19 response (including in hotel quarantine);

iii. a fly in fly out worker or a drive in drive out worker who is required for industry or business continuity and maintenance of a competitive operation where the service

is time-critical, who is responsible for critical maintenance or repair of infrastructure critical to a region of, or to, Victoria;

iv. Maritime crew;

v. A transport, freight or logistics driver.