

Statewide settings from 11.59pm Wednesday 12 January 2022



Seeing friends and family

There are no limits on the number of people you can gather with in your home or in public places (e.g. a park or a beach).

We strongly recommend that everyone who you are gathering with at your home or in a public place is fully vaccinated.



Work, education and childcare

Workplaces are open, but you must be fully vaccinated if:

- You are working somewhere that's only open for fully vaccinated people (e.g. restaurant)
- If you are a worker or volunteer who is required to be vaccinated if working outside your home.

Schools, childcare centres and early childhood education are open to all ages.

Masks must be worn indoors at schools by staff, visitors and students (aged 8 and older) from years 3 to 12.

It is strongly recommended that if you can work or study from home you should.

If you are fully vaccinated, you can attend adult education (e.g. university, TAFE). If you are not fully vaccinated, you can't enter unless you cannot be taught online.



Getting active

If you are fully vaccinated, you can attend sporting and recreation facilities (e.g. sports grounds, gyms and swimming pools) and sporting events.

If you don't meet the vaccination requirements, you can't enter.

Vaccination requirements don't apply to people involved in community sport (e.g. a local footy match) or people using swimming pools for essential medical care.



Weddings, funerals and worship

You can host or attend weddings, funerals and religious ceremonies at places of worship with no capacity limits or density limits, with no requirement to check vaccination status.

However, vaccination requirements apply if a wedding or funeral takes place in a venue that has vaccination requirements, such as hospitality settings, community facilities, or entertainment venues.



Masks

Masks are required indoors and on public transport/taxis/rideshare/airplane.

We recommend wearing a mask outside if you can't physically distance, if you have any symptoms, or if you are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.



Going out

Venues you can attend if you are fully vaccinated include:

- Food and drink venues (e.g. restaurants and pubs)
- Nightlife venues (e.g. bars and nightclubs)
- Entertainment venues (e.g. cinemas, zoos)
- Events (e.g. festivals, fun runs and conferences)
- Tourism venues (e.g. walking tours, buses)
- Casinos/gaming venues and adult entertainment venues

If you don't meet the vaccination requirements, you can't enter these venues. Vaccination requirements don't apply to food and drink venues operating for takeaway only.

There are no capacity limits on venues. Density limits of one person per two square meter will apply to indoor spaces in food and drink venues and high-risk entertainment venues: casinos, nightclubs, karaoke, gaming, adult entertainment, amusement parks, arcades, escape rooms, and bingo centres.

Indoor dance floors are not permitted, except for weddings. It is strongly recommended that businesses allow seated service only.



Travel

There are no limits on travel or accommodation in Victoria.

We strongly recommend that people staying in accommodation venues in Victoria (e.g. hotels, Airbnb) are fully vaccinated.

Vaccination requirements still apply to relevant settings within an accommodation complex, such as a restaurant or a gym.

There are no limits on leaving Victoria, but travel may be impacted by rules at your destination - check before you book. If returning from overseas, you must obtain a permit from Service Victoria and follow your permit conditions and requirements.



Getting goods and services

Venues you can only attend if you are fully vaccinated include:

- hospitality
- personal services (e.g. a hairdresser and beauty parlour)
- community premises (e.g. a library) and creative arts premises
- entertainment venues

Some exceptions apply if vaccination status isn't being checked, including:

- Real estate inspections and auctions
- Community facilities can host essential public support groups, support services and health services in limited numbers
- School excursions in premises with vaccination requirements

Vaccination requirements don't apply to retail stores (e.g. supermarket, post office, book shop).



Visiting hospitals and aged care

There are limits on attending high-risk settings, even if you're fully vaccinated.

Residents at care facilities can have up to five visitors per day if they are able to show a negative rapid antigen test result. If the facility does not have rapid antigen tests, the resident may have up to two visitors per day. We strongly recommend that all residents and visitors are fully vaccinated.

Visitors to hospitals must be fully vaccinated or must show evidence of a negative rapid antigen test result from that day.

Adults (aged 18 and over) who are not fully vaccinated must wear a N95 mask. Face coverings must be worn by vaccinated adults and children aged 8 and over.



COVIDSafe Workplaces

All workplaces must have a COVIDSafe Plan and keep records of everyone attending using the Service Victoria app.

Workplaces must also display signage in public spaces providing information about check-in, vaccination requirements and where relevant, mask requirements.

Third dose vaccinations will be mandatory for the following high-risk workforce:

- Healthcare workers
- Aged care workers
- Disability workers
- Emergency services workers
- Correctional facilities workers
- Abattoirs, meat, poultry and food processing workers
- Food distribution workers
- Quarantine accommodation workers

Additional obligations may apply for some industries.

For more information head to coronavirus.vic.gov.au

Note: Vaccination requirements will apply from the age of 18 years for patrons and 12 years and two months for workers, unless a medical exemption applies.