

VICTORIAN LOCKDOWN : ROADMAP FOR INDUSTRY GET THE FACTS



INTRODUCTION

The Victorian government has released its roadmap to “COVID Normal”. We provide a copy of the detailed government plan in table form for members to consider along with this fact sheet (https://www.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-09/Victoria-coronavirus-roadmap-regional_0.pdf)

The currently stated dates are subject to public health advice, COVID-19 case thresholds being met, the ongoing requirements for physical distancing, the use of face masks and other possible amendments.

Additionally, the currently stated dates within the plan are flexible in their application so that significant decreases in new COVID-19 cases across Melbourne and regional Victoria may result in sectors moving to the next recovery stage of the plan earlier than currently forecasted.

Regional Victoria remains ahead of metropolitan Melbourne in the reopening timeline based on the limited number of new COVID cases. However, Geelong remains of concern to the government due to new cases numbers and although it currently forms part of regional Victoria it may be treated separately if new cases in that area do not reduce.

MEMBER CLIENT BASE

Members with clients across various sectors should note and monitor the specific dates within the government documents and as outlined below. Of particular note and concern for members with clients in the retail, hospitality, tourism and entertainment sectors, there will be a staggered delay to the resumption of normal trading compared to other industry sectors.

RETAIL SECTOR

METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE

Although Stage 4 restrictions continue to apply until 26 October, currently ‘permitted’ retail businesses are and remain operating, although with heavy restrictions and the need to operate with a COVID Safe Plan. These include:

- > supermarkets and grocery stores
- > pharmacies
- > bottle shops
- > post offices
- > banks
- > convenience stores and newsagents
- > service stations
- > laundries and dry cleaners
- > butchers, bakeries and fruit and vegetable stores

From Monday 26 October 2020 other retail facilities and shops can open with restrictions.

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From Monday 23 November 2020 all retail facilities and shops can resume with a COVID Safe Plan.
REST OF VICTORIA

Currently, under Stage 3 retail shops, supermarkets and major shopping centres remain open.

From 11:59pm on Sunday 13 September 2020 retail facilities and shops can open, but with no more than 1 person per 4 square metres permitted and more than one household member can go shopping.

From Monday 23 November 2020 all retail businesses and shops can open.

RESTAURANTS AND HOSPITALITY SECTOR

METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE

From Monday 26 October 2020 restaurants and other hospitality venues can open but only provide outdoor seated service.

From Monday 23 November 2020 restaurants and other hospitality venues can open, but only with seated service.

REST OF VICTORIA

From 11.59pm on Sunday 13 September 2020, and when regional Victoria has an average 5 new cases daily, restaurants and other hospitality venues can open but only provide outdoor seated service.

From Monday 23 November 2020 restaurants and other hospitality venues can open but only with seated service.

ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTING SECTORS

Most entertainment venues will remain closed across both Metropolitan Melbourne and Regional areas until Monday 23 November 2020. At that time venues can open under heavy restrictions, limited booking numbers and subject to COVID Safe Plans. Crowds at professional sporting and racing facilities and venues are likely to be allowed from that date, but also with heavy restrictions.

TOURISM SECTOR

Most tourism will remain closed across both Metropolitan Melbourne and Regional areas until Sunday 26 October 2020. At that time tourism can open under heavy restrictions, limited booking numbers and subject to COVID Safe Plans. Regional Victoria may open earlier and in line with case number targets, albeit with heavy restrictions in place.

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