Update July 21, 2020

People living in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire will now be *required* to wear a face covering when leaving home for one of the four reasons, following a concerning increase in coronavirus cases in recent days:

- to shop for food and essential goods or services
- to provide care, for compassionate reasons or to seek medical treatment
- to exercise or for outdoor recreation
- for work or study, if you can't do it from home.

This mandate will be in effect from Wednesday July 22 11:59 PM.

Important points to note:

- There will be some reasons not to wear a face covering. For example, those who have a medical reason, kids under 12 years of age, those who have a professional reason or if it's just not practical, like when running – however you will still be expected to carry your face covering at all times to wear when you can.
- But for everyone else in the lockdown zone — including office workers — wearing a mask or face covering "whenever practical" will become mandatory.
- The fine for not wearing a face covering will be $200.

For all possible questions and answer on face masks requirements, please click on the following link:
[Face coverings – Updated advice](#)

Important links:

Face Mask: [Key points and Q and A from DHHS](#)

[Design and preparation of cloth mask PDF](#)

[How can I make a face mask – Video clip](#)

[How to wear a medical/surgical mask](#)

[How to wear a fabric mask](#)