

Update November 8, 2020: Third Step restrictions apply across all of Victoria

From 11:59 pm on Sunday 8th November. The same restrictions apply in regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne.

- Outdoor religious gatherings can be held near a place of worship with up to 50 people plus a faith leader. Outdoor proximity – there are no clear definition on proximity but must be in ‘reasonable’ proximity to the church.
- Indoor religious gatherings can be held with up to 10 people per group (plus a faith leader), and 20 people per facility.
- Funerals: 50 people (outdoors) and up to 20 people (indoors). This limit doesn’t include infants under 12 months of age, or the people required to conduct the funeral.
- Weddings are limited to 10 people including the two witnesses. The couple, celebrant and photographer are not included in the 10-person cap.
 - A wedding or funeral held in a private residence will be limited to the members of the household and up to two visitors, plus the people required to conduct the ceremony.
- Ceremonies and services can still be recorded or broadcast live from the place of worship for viewing online. Those who are necessary to conduct the ceremony can be on site to record and live stream services.
- Essential public support services continue to be open. Essential public support services include food banks, help for the homeless or other essential activities.
- Pastoral visits/ Home and Prayer groups
 - You can have up to two people visit you at home each day. Infants under 12 months are not included in this cap, and other dependents can also attend if they cannot be left unattended or cared for in another setting. The two people may be from different households and may visit separately. This replaces the household and single social bubbles.
 - It is strongly recommended that you wear a face mask and keep a record for contact tracing.
- Singing at a place of worship: Yes, but small choirs or singers should only perform in well ventilated indoor settings and must be limited to a maximum of 5 singers or wind instrument players. Performers must be 2 meters apart and 5 meters from the audience. Singing outdoors is strongly recommended.

Sources:

[Summary of Restrictions of the Third Step – State-wide](#)

[Statement from the Premier](#)

[Vic Gov – Religion & Ceremonies](#)

[Restricted Activities Directions](#)

[Stay Safe Directions](#)