Update June 7, 2021: COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS FROM 11.59PM THURSDAY 8 JUNE

Sources:

Statement From The Minister of Health

COVID-Safe Settings – Vic Gov

Resources:

Vic Conference Office Intranet (SharePoint)

Vic Conference Churches OH&S Intranet (SharePoint)

Note: 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 (DQ) applies to all venues and spaces that are accessible to the public (and in closed workplaces, to shared spaces such as lunchrooms). Restrictions apply based on location and no longer follow a person if they travel between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria.

Remember to always check in at every venue using the Service Vic QR Code app.

Category	All Victoria (State-wide)
Social gatherings, visitors and leaving home	Stay at home requirement: ·No stay-at-home requirement Intrastate travel limit: ·Movement between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria unrestricted
	Face coverings: ·Must be carried at all times ·Must be worn indoors, however not required in schools or in workplaces that are not public facing (e.g. office work), or if an exception applies. i.e Masks will no longer be required at workplaces, especially in situations where staff do not interact with the public. Masks will still be required in roles where a person interacts with the general public ·Recommended to be worn outdoors where 1.5 metres physical distancing cannot be maintained
	Private gatherings in the home: Limited to 15 visitors per day together or separately, including dependants (infants under 12 months not included in the cap)

Category	All Victoria (State-wide)
	Public gatherings: Permitted for up to 50 people
	Work: Work from home requirement removed. Office work – 75 per cent return or up to 30 people if total workplace is 40 or less, subject to density quotient of 1 person per 2sqm
Education and childcare	Early learning centres, childcare, kinder, family day care: Open Schools: Open. Density quotient of 1 person per 2sqm applies, except in areas used by students
Ceremonies and Religious Gatherings	Religious gatherings and ceremonies: No overarching venue limit. Density quotient of 1 person per 2 sqm applies when using a COVID Check-in Marshal, otherwise density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies
Funerals	Funerals (indoors and outdoors): Permitted with 300 people plus those necessary to conduct the funeral, subject to venue density limits. Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap
Weddings	Weddings (indoor and outdoor): Permitted with 300 people subject to venue density limits. Dancefloors not permitted
Community facilities	Community facilities: Open with a density quotient of 1 person per 2 sqm when using a COVID Check-in Marshal, otherwise density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies No overarching venue cap. No group limits
QR Code	Required

Category	All Victoria (State-wide)
Kiosk check in	Optional

Clarification on Ceremonies and Religious Gatherings COVID Check-in Marshal

"Religious gatherings and ceremonies: No overarching venue limit. Density quotient of 1 person per 2 sqm applies when using a COVID Check-in Marshal, otherwise density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm applies"

The COVID Marshals are required in certain industries. Places of worship are not required to have COVID Marshals. However, in the last COVID Update 23/6/2021, the Vic Gov introduced a COVID Check-in Marshal for places of worship.

A COVID Marshal ensures COVIDSafe Plans and High-Risk COVIDSafe Plans are implemented. Marshals provide advice on:

- physical distancing measures
- hygiene measures
- ensure adequate ventilation
- •keeping accurate and robust records (which can be audited)
- updating COVIDSafe Plans when necessary

When it comes to the places of worship, the COVID Check-in Marshal will be responsible to ensure members sign in using the QR Code. In the case a church doesn't have a COVID Check-in Marshal, then the density quotient of I person per 4sqm applies.

Recommendation:

To maximize the number of members attending our churches and take an advantage of the density quotient of 1 person per 2 sqm, please:

- nominate/roster deacons to take care of this responsibility
- •Amend the local church COVID Safe Plan to reflect their names and their responsibility

Who could be a COVID Check-in Marshal for a church?

- Any Deacon in Office
- Any Church member in Office
- Any other nominated delegate by local church board