

# Update September 15, 2021: Ballarat To Lock Down For A Week To Slow Virus Spread

Victoria's Chief Health Officer has declared that from 11.59pm tonight, the City of Ballarat will have the same restrictions – except for the curfew – in place as Metropolitan, Melbourne. This will last for seven days, until 11.59pm on Wednesday, 22 September.

On the other hand, the Chief Health Officer has also declared Shepparton from 11.59pm tonight will have their restriction settings downgraded to match the rest of regional Victoria.

## Sources:

[Statement from the Victorian Premier](#)

[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 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).

Category	Metropolitan Melbourne & Shepparton settings	Regional Victoria
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<p><b>Social gatherings, visitors and leaving home</b></p>	<p><b>Curfew:</b> Metro Melbourne Only. From 9pm to 5am, a person is not permitted to leave their home except for limited reasons</p> <p><b>Stay at home unless:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•shopping for necessary goods and services (one person per household, once per day, a support person can accompany if required)</li> <li>•caregiving or compassionate reasons</li> <li>•authorised work or permitted education, or work interstate</li> <li>•exercise (up to two hours, with one other person plus dependants if they cannot be left unattended. The other person can be from another household)</li> <li>•receive a COVID-19 vaccination</li> <li>•other specified reasons (specific exemptions apply)</li> </ul> <p><b>Intra-state travel: Travel limit of 5km from place of primary residence, except:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•to return home</li> <li>•to access necessary goods and services where those goods and services cannot be accessed closer than 5kms from home.</li> <li>•to visit an intimate partner</li> <li>•to visit a person in your “single bubble”</li> <li>•allowed to travel for authorised work and permitted education</li> <li>•work at an interstate location</li> </ul>	<p><b>Stay at home requirement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•no stay-at-home requirement</li> <li>•removal of 5km travel limit</li> </ul> <p><b>Intrastate travel limit:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•allowed across regional Victoria</li> <li>•movement between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria restricted to specified purposes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•necessary goods and services (provided facility is closest facility to place of residence)</li> <li>•care or compassionate reasons (including bubble buddy/ intimate partner/)</li> <li>•authorised work/education</li> <li>•other specified reasons e.g. moving home</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Travel to regional Victorian Alpine Resorts permitted provided visitors have had a negative COVID test within the previous 72 hours. Children under 12 years not included. Must be able to show evidence of a negative test as condition of entry into ski field. Workers are highly recommended to take a COVID test prior to arrival at the resorts.</p>
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	<p><b>Public gatherings:</b> Not permitted</p>	<p><b>Public gatherings:</b> Permitted for up to 10 people</p>
	<p><b>Face coverings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•must be carried at all times</li> <li>•must be worn indoors and outdoors except if at home, or when visiting an intimate partner's place of residence or if <a href="#">an exception</a> applies</li> <li>•recommend primary school age children wear masks indoors and outdoors, except at home or if an exception applies.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Face coverings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•must be carried at all times</li> <li>•must be worn indoors and outdoors except if at home, or when visiting an intimate partner's place of residence or if <a href="#">an exception</a> applies</li> <li>•recommend primary school age children wear masks indoors and outdoors, except at home or if an exception applies.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Work:</b> If you can work from home, you must work from home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Authorised workplaces and workers are permitted to attend onsite work</li> <li>•Authorised workers are permitted to travel to and from work even when curfew is in place</li> <li>•A permit is required when leaving the home for authorised work or permitted higher education</li> </ul>	<p><b>Work:</b> If you can work from home, you should work from home. Office work – 25 per cent return or up to 10 people if total workplace is 40 or less, density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm applies</p>

<p><b>Education and childcare</b></p>	<p><b>Early learning centres, childcare, family day care:</b> <b>Closed</b> but open to vulnerable children, and the children of authorised workers and children of single parents if they cannot be supervised at home.</p> <p><b>Schools:</b> Remote learning for most students but open to vulnerable children, and the children of authorised workers.</p>	<p><b>Early learning centres, kindergarten, childcare, family day care:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•open for regional Victorian children</li> <li>•open to children of metropolitan Melbourne authorised workers, single parents and vulnerable children</li> <li>•twice weekly PCR testing for childcare workers moving between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria</li> </ul> <p><b>Schools:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•open for Prep to Grade 2 and Year 12 only. Remote learning for other levels</li> <li>•open to children of metropolitan Melbourne authorized workers and vulnerable children</li> <li>•twice weekly PCR testing for teachers moving between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria</li> <li>•density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm applies in non-student areas. Face mask requirements apply to everyone 12 years and over</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ceremonies and Religious Gatherings</b></p>	<p><b>Religious gatherings and ceremonies:</b> No in-person gatherings permitted. Broadcast permitted with maximum five people, must be the same five people each time.</p>	<p><b>Religious gatherings and ceremonies:</b> Permitted with up to 20 persons per venue (and those workers necessary to conduct the ceremony)</p>
<p><b>Funerals</b></p>	<p><b>Funerals (indoor and outdoor):</b> Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those workers necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap</p>	<p><b>Funerals (indoor and outdoor):</b> Permitted with no more than 20 people (and those workers necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap</p>

<b>Weddings</b>	<b>Weddings (indoor and outdoor):</b> Not permitted unless end of life or for deportation reasons. Involves only 5 persons (including the two persons being married, celebrant, two witnesses)	<b>Weddings (indoor and outdoor):</b> Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those workers necessary to conduct the wedding). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap
<b>Community facilities</b>	<b>Closed.</b> Open for click and collect and essential services only.	<b>Open:</b> with maximum of 20 people per facility
<b>Accommodation (Non-school camps fall under this category)</b>	<b>Closed</b> unless for permitted reasons, or shelter in place. No new bookings except for authorised reasons	<b>Open</b> to people who live in regional area. Bookings permitted for single households, intimate partners or single bubbles.
<b>Outdoor physical recreation &amp; sport</b>	<b>Open: From 2/9 at 11:59 PM</b> Outdoor playgrounds for children under 12 years with one parent/ carer. Parent/carers cannot take mask off to eat or drink while supervising their children playing. QR code check in required.	<b>Outdoor playgrounds, communal gym equipment and skateparks:</b> Open Outdoor personal training: Allowed with up to 10 people and a trainer  <b>Community sport:</b> Permitted outdoor training only with the minimum number required to train. Spectators are prohibited except one parent permitted to supervise children  <b>Community recreation facilities:</b> Outdoors only with up to 20 people per facility.