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# Update December 15, 2021: Victoria's COVID Rules Changes & Summary

Effective December 15, 2021, at 11:59 PM

Source: [Statement from the Victorian Premier](#).

Category	Requirements	Comments
<b>Vaccination Requirements</b>	<p><b>Patrons (members, customers, clients)</b> will no longer need to show vaccination status at the following venues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Non-essential retail, except for hair and beauty</li><li>• Real estate inspections and auctions</li><li>• Places of worship</li><li>• Wedding and funerals unless the venue where the wedding or funeral is held still has a vaccination mandate, e.g., hospitality venues</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Workers at these venues still must be vaccinated. i.e. authorised workers.</li><li>• If the ceremony (religious ceremonies) is at a hospitality setting, vaccine requirements will apply.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vaccination mandate will now apply to those 18 years and over, not from 12 years and over.</li></ul>	
<b>Masks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Masks remain in indoor retail and the other high-risk settings like hospitals and aged care.</li><li>• Masks will no longer need to be worn at weddings, funerals, or ceremonial settings.</li></ul>	

<b>Cleaning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There will no longer be cleaning requirements in workplaces</li> </ul>	<p>This is due to mounting international evidence that coronavirus is an airborne or droplet-borne disease and the likelihood of becoming infected by touching a surface is very low risk.</p>
<b>Hospitality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under the pandemic orders, restaurants, cafes are still only open to fully vaccinated patrons and staff. Workers are required to wear masks.</li> </ul>	<p>This is applied to ADRA community meals and churches providing similar services. The only exception is where vaccination status is not checked, a cap of maximum 50 patrons is required.</p>
<b>What does this mean for places of worship?</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No cap requirement</li> <li>• No vaccination verification required for members (Authorised workers still required to be vaccinated.)</li> <li>• No mask requirements</li> </ul>		