

Victorian Freight and Logistics Industry Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

29 March 2021

Travel to Victoria from other states

The Victorian Travel Permit System is in place for all people travelling to Victoria.

The permit system is based on a traffic light system which allows for areas across Australia to be designated as green, orange or red according to their risk. Areas currently considered to be higher risk are:

- **Queensland:** Greater Brisbane (City of Brisbane, City of Ipswich, Logan City, Moreton Bay Region, Redlands City) will become a designated red zone under Victoria's travel permit system at 6:00pm Victorian time today.

Commercial Freight Workers who are coming from a green zone only need a Green Zone Permit.

Those coming from an orange zone or red zone need to apply for a permit under the category Commercial Freight Worker.

A Commercial Freight Worker means a person who is subject to the [Freight Movement Code for Domestic Border Controls](#) and includes:

- a heavy vehicle driver.
- rail crew, or
- support worker.

The Specified Worker Permit may be available for other types of essential workers. You can find more information and apply for a Permit at Services Victoria's [COVID-19 border entry webpage](#)

Testing

Greater Brisbane will enter a 3-day lockdown from 5pm Monday 29 March to 5pm Thursday 1 April.

A contact tracing alert has been issued for parts of Brisbane and Moreton Bay for locations visited 20-25 March 2021.

For more info go to Queensland Government [COVID-19 update webpage](#)

Members of the public who have entered Victoria since 12 March 2021 from the City of Brisbane and Moreton Bay Region must immediately self-isolate, get a coronavirus test within 72 hours, and stay isolated until they receive a negative result.

Freight workers entering Victoria under the Commercial Freight Worker permit must get tested for COVID-19 at least once every 7 days during the 14-day period their permit is valid but are not required to self-isolate unless they have symptoms.

The Department of Transport encourages all freight workers who have travelled to Brisbane or Moreton Bay LGAs since 12 March 2021 and entered Victoria to get tested as soon as possible.

Surveillance testing in ports and other locations

Ports of entry workers continue to be a key part of Victoria's COVID-19 testing program. Over recent weeks, we have seen increasing test numbers for workers at our commercial ports.

We are grateful to all port of entry workers for putting in a massive effort to get regularly tested to help protect themselves and others from the spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19 tests are being delivered on site at the ports by the Department of Health (DH) through a private pathology provider, in addition to fixed testing sites.



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The testing arrangements are reviewed periodically, and there will be changes to on-site testing delivery from Monday 29 March 2021.

- **Port of Hastings** – closed. Due to extremely low volumes, the testing site at the Port of Hastings will close for now. Report data indicates that workers at the Port of Hastings are being tested, using other testing sites.
- **Port of Geelong** – open weekdays only. Demand for testing at the Port of Geelong site has been limited, so this site will now operate Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

Effective Monday 29 March 2021, the testing sites operating are:

- **Port of Melbourne** (7.00am – 7.00pm, Monday - Sunday)
Appleton Dock Substation/Workshop (Appleton Dock Road and/or Enterprise Road)
- **Port of Geelong** (updated hours 9.00am – 5.00pm, Monday - Friday)
Lascelles Wharf, The Esplanade, North Shore
- **Port of Portland** (7.00am – 3.30pm, Monday, Wednesday, Friday)
Main Breakwater Rd, Portland

It is critical that all workforces required to get tested, are doing so and that employers complete the required reporting and submit it to the DH. The DH will monitor the demand at local testing sites and may adjust operating hours and the number of testing staff to meet this demand.

There are no costs to ports of entry workers for surveillance testing. Workers should nominate that they are maritime workers at the testing site.

In addition, ports workers can still be tested at the other (175) fixed testing sites in Victoria. To find your nearest testing location visit the DH [‘Where to get tested’](#) webpage.

COVID-19 testing (general public information)

All Victorians must get tested and stay home if they experience [even the mildest symptoms of COVID-19](#). Results from testing give us the most complete picture of where the virus is and how it is spreading.

Getting tested for COVID-19 is free. For more information on how and where to get tested visit the DH [getting tested webpage](#)

Go home straight after your COVID-19 test and isolate while you wait for the results. If you live with others, there is information available on [how to keep everyone in your home safe](#)

There is a range of [financial support available](#) if you are worried about losing income while you are waiting for your test results or need to take time off work if you test positive for COVID-19.

Information about COVID-19 and getting tested is [available in more than 50 languages](#)

Call the COVID-19 Test Results Hotline on **1800 573 222** Monday to Friday between 8am and 8pm if you have not received a result after five days.

If you have been tested at a drive-through testing site and have waited more than five days for results, call the Onsite Doctor Results Hotline on **(03) 8669 0255** from Monday to Friday between 8am and 7pm, and on weekends from 9am to 5pm.

Results are only available on this hotline five days after testing and only for drive-through testing sites.

For more information

Freight Victoria in the Department of Transport is the central point of contact for Victorian Government industry information. Further enquiries should be directed to freightvictoria@transport.vic.gov.au

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