

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) roadmaps for reopening

The Victorian Government has released the [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) roadmaps for reopening](#) via safe, steady and sustainable steps.

Regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne each have their own [roadmaps](#) and specific industry restriction levels, relating to how many active cases are currently in the community.

Common COVIDSafe principles apply to all business:

- ensure physical distancing (1.5 metres)
- wear a mask
- practice good hygiene
- keep good records and act quickly if staff become unwell
- avoid interactions in close spaces
- create workforce bubbles.

All businesses must have a [COVIDSafe Plan](#) for onsite operations.

## Update on roadmap and industry restrictions

On 27 September 2020, the [Victorian Government announced](#) easing of some restrictions for metropolitan Melbourne who will enter the [Second Step towards reopening](#).

From 11:59am 27 September 2020, some work restrictions will be eased across Victoria including workforce limits for some industries being expanded.

This includes supermarkets and food distribution centres, warehouses and postal and distribution centres returning to full capacity with some additional COVID Safe practices to be implemented, and a partial return to work for wholesale trade.

The following outlines the industry specific restrictions relative to the freight and logistics sector:

### Ports and Freight – applies to Metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria

First step (from 13 September*)	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan
<b>Second step (from 28 September*)</b>	<b>Open with a COVIDSafe Plan</b>
Third step*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan
Last step*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan
COVID Normal*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan

### Postal and distribution centres industry restrictions for [metropolitan Melbourne](#) (excludes supermarkets and chilled distribution)

First step (from 13 September*)	Heavily restricted. Workforce restrictions
<b>Second step (from 28 September*)</b>	<b>Restricted: The worker reduction will no longer apply Apply density quotient (4sqm)</b>
Third step*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan
Last step*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan
COVID Normal*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan. No density quotient

**Postal and distribution centres industry restrictions for regional Victoria**  
(excludes supermarkets and chilled distribution)

First step (from 13 September*)	Only applies to Metropolitan Melbourne
<b>Second step (from 28 September*)</b>	<b>Open with a COVIDSafe Plan</b>
Third step*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan
Last step*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan
COVID Normal*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan. No density quotient

For further details and information on restrictions please download the [postal and distribution industry restriction levels](#)

**Wholesale trade and warehousing industry restrictions for metropolitan Melbourne**  
(excludes supermarkets and chilled distribution, poisons and controlled substances)

First step (from 13 September*)	Heavily restricted. Workforce restrictions. Closed unless permitted.
<b>Second step (from 28 September*)</b>	<b>Restricted:</b> <b>Warehousing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No workforce restrictions</b></li> </ul> <b>Wholesale trade:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Businesses not on permitted work premises list in previous stage allowed to operate at 67% of normal daily worker level</b></li> <li>• <b>Businesses on permitted premises list in previous stage can operate without workforce restrictions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Grocery, liquor and tobacco product wholesaling</b></li> <li>○ <b>Animal feed and supplies wholesaling</b></li> <li>○ <b>Pharmaceutical wholesaling</b></li> <li>○ <b>Safety products wholesaling</b></li> <li>○ <b>Cleaning supplies and disinfectants wholesaling</b></li> <li>○ <b>Medical and disability supplies wholesaling</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Third step*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan
Last step*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan
COVID Normal*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan. No density quotient

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Last step*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan
COVID Normal*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan. No density quotient

For further information on restrictions please download the [wholesale trade and warehousing industry restriction levels](#).

## Supermarket and food distribution industry restrictions for metropolitan Melbourne

First step (from 13 September*)	Heavily restricted. Workforce restrictions
Second step (from 28 September*)	<b>Heavily restricted. Workforce restrictions:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The worker reduction will no longer apply</li> <li>• Apply density quotient (4sqm)</li> <li>• COVID-Safe marshals to monitor adherence to physical distancing and other COVID-safe practices</li> <li>• Staff training about physical distancing and other COVID-Safe practices</li> <li>• Provide workers with a COVIDSafe induction and education program. This should be provided in workforce specific languages</li> </ul>
Third step*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan
Last step*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan
COVID Normal*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan. No density quotient

## Supermarket and food distribution industry restrictions for regional Victoria

Second step (from 28 September*)	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan
Third step*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan
Last step*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan
COVID Normal*	Open with a COVIDSafe Plan. No density quotient

For further details and information on restrictions please download the [supermarket and food distribution industry restriction levels](#)

\* Each step is subject to public health thresholds being met including reference to case thresholds and the rate of unknown transmission.

## Consultation

The Department continues to work closely with the ports, freight and logistics sector to maintain Victoria's supply chain. Freight Victoria will host an industry teleconference tomorrow, Monday 28 September, to ensure any issues or questions can be worked through collectively.

## 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](mailto:freightvictoria@transport.vic.gov.au)

If you are a small to medium business looking for information or assistance relating to coronavirus (COVID-19), please see the [Business Victoria Coronavirus Business Support](#) page or telephone Business Victoria on 13 22 15.

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