

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

6 September 2020

Restrictions and roadmap to reopening

On 6 September 2020, the [Victorian Government announced](#) an update to Coronavirus (Covid-19) restrictions and a roadmap to reopening via safe, steady and sustainable steps.

The [restrictions and roadmap](#) ensure ports, freight and logistics sector to safely maintain Victoria's supply chain to ensure supplies get to where they need to go during the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic.

From 28 September 2020, some work restrictions will be eased across Victoria, subject to 'trigger points' being met and public health advice.

All businesses must have a [COVIDSafe plan](#) for onsite operations noting the COVIDSafe principles for all business are:

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

Industry specific restrictions

Metro Melbourne and regional Victoria each have specific industry restriction levels relating to how many active coronavirus (COVID-19) cases are in the community.

The steps are not automatic. Each step is subject to public health thresholds being met including reference to case thresholds and the rate of unknown transmission.

Ports and Freight – applies to Metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria

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| First step (from 13 September) | Open with a COVIDSafe Plan |
| 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 |

Wholesale trade and warehousing – applies to Metropolitan Melbourne

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| First step (from 13 September) | Heavily restricted. Workforce restrictions* *No changes to current workforce restrictions. |
| Second step (from 28 September) | Restricted** **Wholesaling businesses on the permitted work premise list will be allowed to open at 67 per cent of their normal daily worker level. The worker reduction will no longer apply to postal and distribution centres. |
| Third step | Open with a COVIDSafe Plan |
| Last step | Open with a COVIDSafe Plan |
| COVID Normal | Open with a COVIDSafe Plan. No density quotient |

Wholesale trade and warehousing – applies to regional Victoria

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| First step (from 13 September) | Only applies to Metropolitan Melbourne |
| 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 |

Further information about the industry restrictions and roadmap can be found via the following links:

Metropolitan Melbourne - <https://www.vic.gov.au/industry-restrictions-roadmap-metro-melbourne>

Regional Victoria - <https://www.vic.gov.au/industry-restrictions-roadmap-regional-victoria>



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 7 September, to ensure any issues or questions can be worked through collectively.

For more information

For further information please visit the Victorian Government's Coronavirus (Covid-19) Restrictions Roadmap website - <https://www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-restrictions-roadmaps>

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