

Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Australia:

Headline Measures Fact Sheet

A fact sheet tracking the easing of restrictions Federally and by State and Territory. Included in this is National Cabinet announcements, State and Territory roadmaps to recovery and information in relation to schools, border closures, social distancing and travel restrictions.

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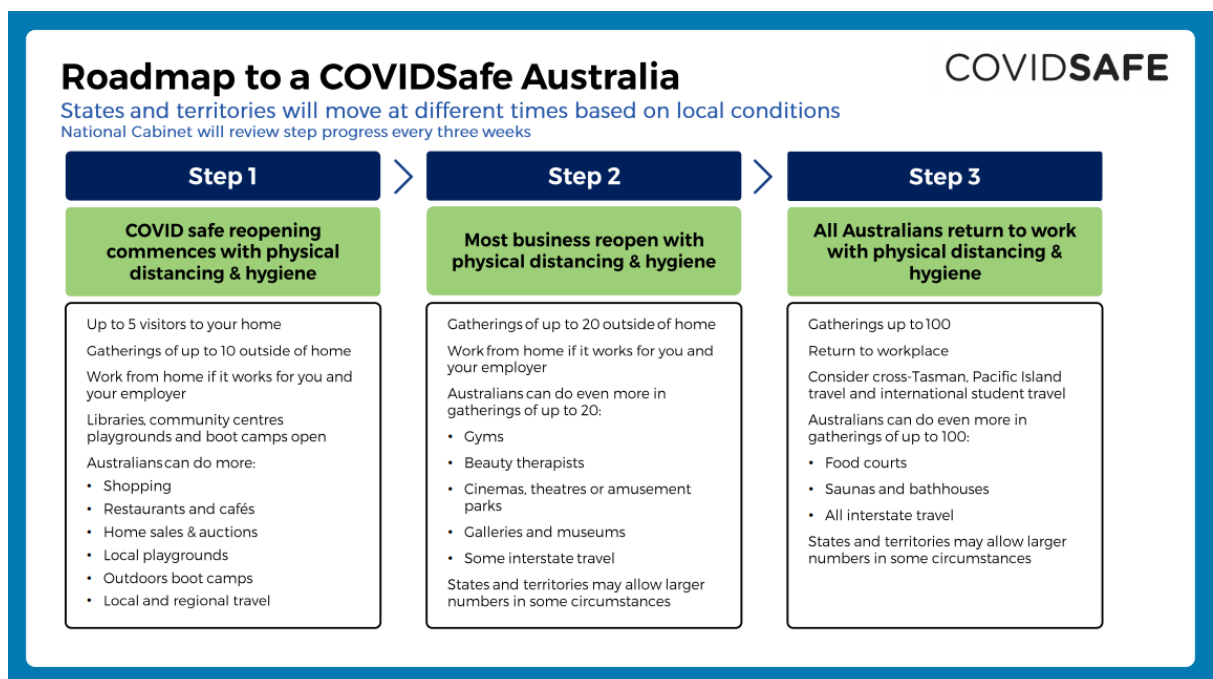
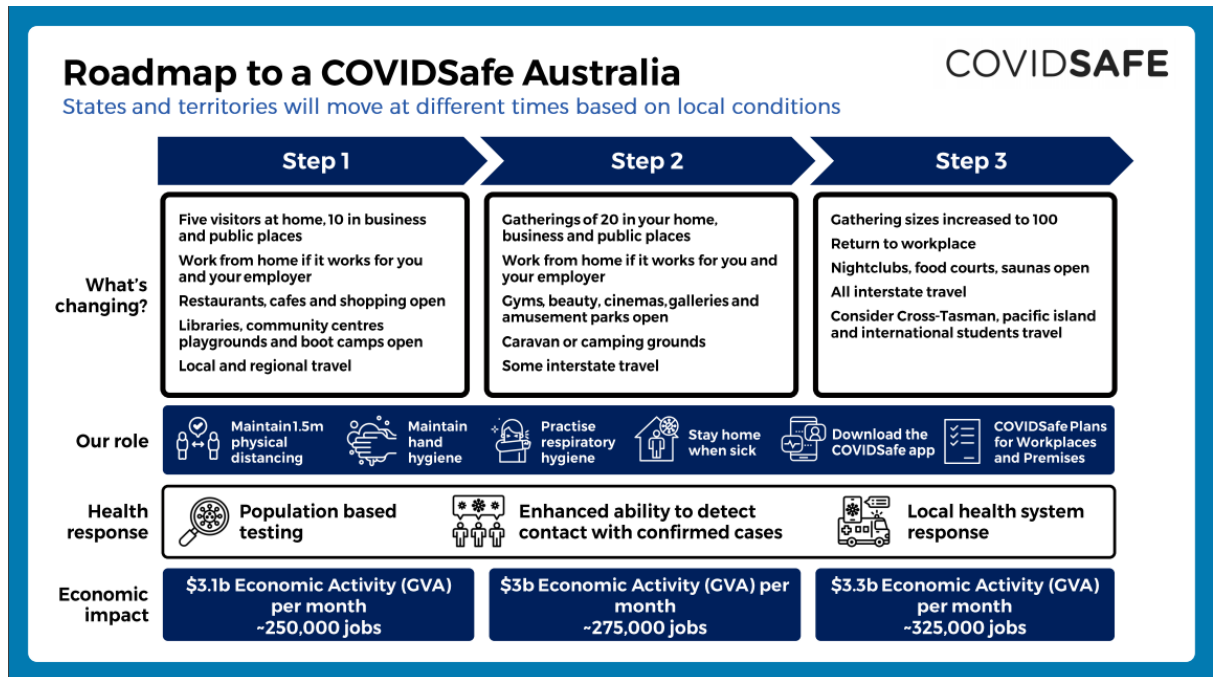
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1. Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Australia: National Cabinet

Friday May 8th, 2020:



3 STEP FRAMEWORK FOR A COVIDSAFE AUSTRALIA

MAINTAIN 1.5M DISTANCING AND GOOD HYGIENE • STAY HOME IF UNWELL • FREQUENTLY CLEAN AND DISINFECT COMMUNAL AREAS • COVIDSAFE PLAN FOR WORKPLACES AND PREMISES

ALL STEPS ARE SUBJECT TO EXPERT HEALTH ADVICE • States and territories can implement changes based on their COVID-19 conditions

	GATHERINGS & WORK	EDUCATION & CHILDCARE	RETAIL & SALES	CAFES & RESTAURANTS	ENTERTAINMENT & AMUSEMENT VENUES	SPORT & RECREATION	ACCOMMODATION	WEDDINGS, FUNERALS & RELIGIOUS SERVICES	HAIR & BEAUTY SERVICES	DOMESTIC TRAVEL
STEP 1	STEP 1: The important first small steps - connect with friends and family - allowing groups of people to be together in homes and in the community. Businesses reopen, and more people return to work									
	<p>Non-work gatherings of up to 10</p> <p>Up to 5 visitors at home in addition to normal residents</p> <p>Work from home if it works for you and your employer</p> <p>Workplaces develop a COVIDSafe plan</p> <p>Avoid public transport in peak hour</p>	<p>Child care centres, primary and secondary schools open as per state and territory plans</p> <p>Universities/technical colleges to increase face-to-face where possible and prioritise hands-on, skills based learning</p>	<p>Retail stores open</p> <p>Retail stores and shopping centre managers must develop COVIDSafe plans</p> <p>Auctions/open homes can have gatherings of up to 10, recording contact details</p>	<p>May open and seat up to 10 patrons at one time</p> <p>Need to maintain an average density of 4m² per person</p> <p>Food courts are to remain closed to seated patrons</p>	<p>To remain closed: Indoor movie theatres, concert venues, stadiums, galleries, museums, zoos, pubs, registered and licensed clubs, nightclubs, gaming venues, strip clubs and brothels</p> <p>Exception: Restaurants or cafes in these venues may seat up to 10 patrons at one time</p>	<p>No indoor physical activity including gyms</p> <p>Community centres, outdoor gyms, playgrounds and skate parks allow up to 10 people</p> <p>Outdoor sport (up to 10 people) consistent with the AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport</p> <p>Pools open with restrictions</p>	<p>Continue current arrangements for caravan parks and camping grounds (closed to tourists in some states and territories)</p> <p>Hostels and hotels are open for accommodation</p>	<p>Weddings may have up to 10 guests in addition to the couple and the celebrant</p> <p>Funerals may have up to 20 mourners indoors and 30 outdoors</p> <p>Religious gatherings may have up to 10 attendees</p> <p>Every gathering must record contact details</p>	<p>Hairdressers and barber shops open and record contact details</p> <p>Beauty therapy and massage therapy venues, saunas and tattoo parlours remain closed</p>	<p>Allow local and regional travel for recreation</p> <p>Refer to state and territory governments for border restrictions and biosecurity conditions</p>
	<p>Non-work gatherings of up to 20</p> <p>States and territories may allow larger numbers in some circumstances</p> <p>Work from home if it works for you and your employer</p> <p>Workplaces develop a COVIDSafe plan</p> <p>Avoid public transport in peak hour</p>	<p>Child care centres, primary and secondary schools open as per state and territory plans</p> <p>Universities/technical colleges to increase face-to-face where possible and prioritise hands-on, skills based learning</p>	<p>Retail stores open</p> <p>Retail stores and shopping centre managers must develop COVIDSafe plans</p> <p>Auctions/open homes can have gatherings of up to 20, recording contact details</p>	<p>Cafes and restaurants can seat up to 20 patrons at one time</p> <p>Need to maintain an average density of 4m² per person</p> <p>Food courts are to remain closed to seated patrons</p>	<p>Indoor movie theatres, concert venues, stadiums, galleries, museums, zoos may have up to 20 patrons</p> <p>To remain closed: pubs, registered and licensed clubs, RSL clubs, casinos, nightclubs, strip clubs and brothels</p> <p>Exception: Restaurants or cafes in these venues may seat up to 20 patrons at one time</p>	<p>Up to 20 people allowed to participate in outdoor sports consistent with the AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport</p> <p>Up to 20 people allowed to participate in all indoor sports, including gyms</p> <p>Need to maintain an average density of 4m² per person</p> <p>Pools open with restrictions</p>	<p>Caravan parks and camping grounds fully open</p> <p>All accommodation areas open and allow gatherings of up to 20 people</p>	<p>Weddings may have up to 20 guests in addition to the couple and the celebrant</p> <p>Funerals may have up to 50 mourners</p> <p>Religious gatherings may have up to 20 attendees</p> <p>Every gathering must record contact details</p>	<p>Hairdressers and barber shops open and record contact details</p> <p>Beauty therapy and massage therapy venues and tattoo parlours can open with up to 20 clients in the premises and record contact details</p> <p>Saunas and bathhouses remain closed</p>	<p>Allow local and regional travel for recreation</p> <p>Consider allowing interstate recreational travel depending on the situation in each state and territory</p> <p>Refer to state and territory governments for biosecurity conditions</p>
STEP 2	STEP 2: Building on slightly larger gatherings and more businesses reopening. Higher risk activities may have tighter restrictions									
	<p>Non-work gatherings of up to 100 people</p> <p>Larger gatherings to be considered</p> <p>Return to workplace</p> <p>Workplaces develop a COVIDSafe plan</p> <p>Avoid public transport in peak hour</p>	<p>Child care centres, primary and secondary schools open as per state and territory plans</p> <p>Universities/technical colleges to increase face-to-face where possible and prioritise hands-on, skills based learning</p> <p>Consider reopening residential colleges and international student travel</p>	<p>Retail stores open</p> <p>Retail stores and shopping centre managers must develop COVIDSafe plans</p> <p>Auctions/open homes can have gatherings of up to 100, recording contact details</p>	<p>Cafes, restaurants and food courts can seat up to 100 people</p> <p>Need to maintain an average density of 4m² per person</p>	<p>Venues open in Step 2 may have up to 100 patrons</p> <p>Consideration will be given to opening bar areas and gaming rooms</p> <p>Exception: Restaurants or cafes in these venues may seat up to 100 patrons at one time</p> <p>To remain closed: strip clubs and brothels</p>	<p>All venues allowed to operate with gatherings of up to 100 people</p> <p>Need to maintain an average density of 4m² per person</p> <p>Community sport expansion to be considered consistent with the AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport</p>	<p>All accommodation areas open and allow gatherings of up to 100 people</p>	<p>Allow gatherings of up to 100 people</p> <p>Every gathering must record contact details</p>	<p>All establishments allowed to open with up to 100 people</p> <p>Record contact details</p>	<p>Allow interstate travel</p> <p>Refer to state and territory governments for biosecurity conditions</p>
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STEP 3	STEP 3: A commitment to reopening of business and the community with minimal restrictions, but underpinned by COVIDSafe ways of living									

2. National Cabinet announcements

Note: For Cabinet Announcements prior to 16th April please refer to previous versions of the Headline Measures Fact Sheet (noting date of publication).

7 August – National Cabinet also discussed the Victorian outbreak, the health response underway and recommitted to providing as much support as necessary to Victoria during this very difficult time. The National Cabinet noted that there had been a relaxation in community attitudes towards social distancing in some states and territories.

Despite the success in suppressing the virus, the Victorian outbreak has shown that social distancing rules must be maintained at least until a vaccine or effective treatment is found. The reduction in adherence to social distancing amongst younger Australians is a particular concern, and recognised by the AHPPC.

Further, we need to continue to have the right controls in place to test more people, trace those who test positive and respond to local outbreaks when they occur.

National Cabinet discussed the updated economic outlook following the additional restrictions imposed in Victoria and the changes to the JobKeeper program announced in response to these restrictions.

National Cabinet acknowledged the economic deterioration and that the national unemployment rate is now expected to peak at closer to 10 per cent in the December quarter of 2020. National Cabinet welcomed the additional \$15.6 billion provided for the JobKeeper program with the changes to the employee reference date and turnover reference period benefiting nation-wide, particularly in Victoria where the economic deterioration will see more firms and employees relying on JobKeeper. Combined with the health response, the Commonwealth economic and balance sheet measures now total more than \$314 billion and along with the response from the state and territories of \$45 billion, significant economic support is flowing into the economy.

National Cabinet will meet again on 21 August 2020.

Aged Care

National Cabinet acknowledged the aged care workforce and the tremendous work that they are doing during the crisis to support older Australians.

National Cabinet agreed to a paper on Aged Care Preparedness: Lessons from Victorian Response to COVID-19, and committed to further actions and an audit of state and territory aged care emergency response capabilities.

Over the next two weeks joint Commonwealth-State plans will be developed that include four elements:

- activities such as face to face infection control training with aged care facilities even where there are no cases of COVID-19;
- compulsory use of face masks, workforce controls and the use of private hospital resources that will be actioned in locations where there are active cases of COVID-19; and
- preparing for the establishment of Coordination centres (similar to the Victorian Aged Care Response Centre) including identifying key staff who will be deployed; and
- the audit of state and territory aged care emergency response capabilities.

Quarantine Arrangements

Jane Halton AO PSM, who is leading the National Review of Hotel Quarantine Arrangements, provided National Cabinet with an Interim Report including early observations about areas of risk and opportunities for improvement based on initial findings from New South Wales and Queensland.

The Review has sought information from each state and territory, and is also undertaking site visits of facilities across the nation. After completing site visits in Queensland and New South Wales, the Interim Report notes openness from stakeholders across the hotel quarantine system in those two states, as well as a strong desire to learn from past experiences and to ensure best practice.

The Final Report is due to be provided to National Cabinet in October 2020.

COVID-19 Vaccine and Treatment Strategy

National Cabinet strongly welcomed the Commonwealth Government's COVID-19 Vaccine and Treatment Strategic Approach that provides a framework for securing early access to safe and effective vaccines and treatments. This will save Australian lives, allow us to consider reopening borders, rebuild the economy, and assist our region.

The strategic approach is focused around research and development; purchase and manufacturing; international partnerships; regulation and safety, an immunisation administration and monitoring.

There are currently over 160 COVID-19 vaccines in preclinical and clinical trials; it is vital that Australians have access early and that we are able to support our neighbours.

The Commonwealth Government is undertaking an audit of Australia's COVID-19 vaccine and treatment manufacturing capability and capacity, building on the data from the Therapeutic Goods Authority and Defence Materials Technology Centre. The audit will assess current domestic industry capability and identify where opportunities exist to expand, modify or repurpose capability and capacity to support the manufacture, distribution and administration of COVID-19 vaccines and treatments. Relevant supply chains and support for regulatory approvals for expanded or repurposed manufacturing may also be considered. The results of the audit will inform the Australian Government's consideration of how to maximise the Australian manufacturing industry's role in the supply of COVID-19 vaccines and treatments.

The Commonwealth is well progressed in a number of areas:

- Advance purchase agreements to secure direct purchase of vaccine or treatment doses.
- Manufacturing agreements to establish arrangements to utilise and expand Australia's manufacturing capability and capacity.
- International and multilateral agreements to support and facilitate access for Australia and its region.
- Procurement contracts to facilitate the purchase of goods, materials or services necessary for the distribution or deployment of vaccines and treatments.

The Commonwealth Government will advise on further progress on agreements once specific negotiations have been finalised.

Freight Code

National Cabinet agreed to the formalisation of the Freight Movement Code following the previous agreement of the Freight Movement Protocol on 24 July.

The Code will enable the consistent enforcement of a range of health measures that support the safe and efficient movement of freight across Australia.

It will be implemented and enforced by jurisdictions no earlier than in five business days, and no later than 10 business days.

The Code was developed with the agreement of all jurisdictions through the Transport and Infrastructure Council, and was also endorsed by the AHPPC.

Caps on international passenger arrivals

National Cabinet agreed that existing caps on international passenger arrivals would continue in order to manage and maintain quarantine arrangements across jurisdictions.

Until 24 October the following will apply subject to further advice on quarantine capacity:

- Melbourne – no international passenger arrivals;
- Sydney – limit of 350 passenger arrivals per day;
- Perth – limit of 525 passenger arrivals per week;
- Brisbane – limit of 500 passenger arrivals per week;
- Adelaide – limit of 500 passenger arrivals per week;
- Canberra, Darwin – passenger limits on each flight to be discussed with jurisdictions on a case-by case basis;
- Hobart – no international flights.

National Cabinet agreed that information relating to quarantine capacity and passenger demand would continue to be exchanged and support flexibility within the caps to as much as possible to minimise disruptions to returning Australian citizens and permanent residents.

These arrangements will continue to be reviewed by National Cabinet.

Restrictions on outbound travel by Australian citizens and permanent residents remain in place, in accordance with the health advice to the Government.

JobMaker - National Skills Reform Agenda

National Cabinet noted the progress made on skills reform, with seven states and territories having signed the Heads of Agreement for Skills Reform and the commencement of bilateral negotiations between the Commonwealth and states and territories on the \$1 billion JobTrainer Fund to provide support and up to 340,700 training places to help school leavers and job seekers develop new skills.

The Skills National Cabinet Reform Committee was established by National Cabinet today to support the ongoing reforms to vocational education and training outlined in the Heads of Agreement.

National Cabinet was also briefed by interim National Skills Commissioner Adam Boyton on the state of the labour market and the role of the National Skills Commission.

Other Border Arrangements

The Commonwealth Government agreed to consider options for enhancing contact tracing of passengers on domestic flights.

The Prime Minister briefed First Ministers on enhanced border management arrangements in place in the Torres Strait to minimise the risk of COVID-19 being communicated. He also outlined his recent virtual summit with the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea and the support Australia is providing to help PNG respond to the pandemic.

24 July – National Cabinet discussed the Victorian outbreak, the health response underway and recommitted to providing as much support as necessary to Victoria. All states and territories welcomed

the support that the Australian Defence Force (ADF) is providing, with more than 3,100 personnel assisting with planning and logistics, testing, quarantine and control points across the country.

National Cabinet agreed to a new set of data and metrics to ensure that the Commonwealth, states and territories all have access to transparent up-to-date jurisdictional data on contact tracing, tracking and other metrics to ensure health system capacity. This will better help guide the public health response and support the coordination of efforts by the Commonwealth, states and territories.

National Cabinet recommitted to the suppression strategy for COVID-19, with the goal of no community transmission, and to the Three-Step Framework to a COVID-safe Australia. National Cabinet further recommitted to the need to adequately integrate the emergency and the health response.

We need to continue to have the right controls in place to test more people, trace those who test positive and respond to local outbreaks when they occur. These are Precedent Conditions to enable Australia to relax baseline restrictions and enable Australians to live and work in a COVID-safe economy.

Treasury Secretary Dr Steven Kennedy addressed National Cabinet and provided an economic update, including the economic and fiscal update delivered by the Treasurer this week, and the extension of the JobSeeker and JobKeeper programs. Combined with the health response, the Commonwealth economic and balance sheet measures total around \$300 billion and along with the response from the state and territories of \$42 billion, significant economic support is flowing into the economy. The national goal of job creation was reaffirmed with a discussion on the positive reduction in the effective unemployment rate seen from April to June.

National Cabinet will meet again on 7 August 2020.

Suppression Strategy

National Cabinet recommitted to the suppression strategy to address COVID-19. The goal remains suppression of COVID-19 until a point in time a vaccine or effective treatments are available, with the goal of no local community transmission.

National Cabinet further reaffirmed the need to adequately integrate the emergency and the health response is vitally important that the coordination of efforts continues. While this is largely occurring, National Cabinet agreed to work to strengthen these efforts, noting the support the ADF is able to provide and the need to coordinate emergency management, policing and health responses.

Streamlining environmental approvals for job-creating projects

The National Cabinet agreed to move to single-touch environmental approvals underpinned by national environmental standards for Commonwealth environmental matters.

Some states are able to transition to this system faster than others. The Commonwealth will move immediately to enter into bilateral approval agreements and interim standards with the states that are able to progress now. We will simultaneously be developing formal national standards through further public consultation.

The National Cabinet also endorsed the list of 15 major projects for which Commonwealth environmental approvals will be fast-tracked.

For major projects at the start of the approvals process, we will target a 50 per cent reduction in Commonwealth assessment and approval times for major projects, from an average of 3.5 years to

21 months. For major projects which are already at an advanced stage of assessment, governments will seek to progress them through the process as fast as possible and within statutory timeframes.

Joint assessment teams will work on accelerating these projects, which are worth more than \$72 billion in public and private investment and will support over 66,000 direct and indirect jobs.

Transport

National Cabinet considered and agreed a *Domestic Border Control Freight Movement Protocol* to allow freight to move safely and efficiently across borders, and to upgrade the Protocol to an Enforceable Code by state and territory jurisdictions.

The Protocol was developed between all jurisdictions with the involvement of members of the Transport and Infrastructure Council and had previously been endorsed by the AHPPC.

National Cabinet also agreed that further work be carried out by jurisdictions on the implementation and enforcement of an *industry code* which, in-conjunction with the Protocol, will minimise risks and exposure to workers and the community from COVID-19.

10 July – National Cabinet discussed the Victorian outbreak and the health response underway and recommitted to providing as much support as is necessary.

Localised response plans are part of the Three-Step Framework for easing restrictions agreed by all jurisdictions. National Cabinet recommitted to the strategy of suppression of COVID-19 and to the Three-Step Framework to a COVID-safe Australia.

We need to continue to have the right controls in place to test more people, trace those who test positive and respond to local outbreaks when they occur. These are Precedent Conditions to enable Australia to relax baseline restrictions and enable Australians to live and work in a COVID-safe economy.

The National Cabinet noted that there had been a relaxation in community attitudes towards social distancing in some states and territories. Despite the success in suppressing the virus, the Victorian outbreak has shown that social distancing rules must be maintained at least until a vaccine or effective treatment is found. The reduction in adherence to social distancing amongst younger Australians is a particular concern, recognised by the AHPPC.

Victorian Outbreak

The news from Victoria remains very concerning. The Commonwealth and all states and territories reiterated their support for Victoria, and their offers of support, especially in relation to border crossings with South Australia and New South Wales.

States and territories continue to provide further support to Victoria including through clinical staff and contact tracing. The Commonwealth is providing support and national coordination, with around 265 ADF personnel and additional Commonwealth staff in Victoria assisting the COVID-19 response, in response to Victoria's request.

Hotel Quarantine

National Cabinet agreed to a national review of hotel quarantine arrangements. The review will be undertaken by the former Secretary of the Commonwealth Department of Health, Jane Halton AO, in consultation with states and territories. AHPPC recommends, and National Cabinet has agreed, that a review should address:

- Infection prevention and control training (clinical, hotel and security staff)

- Compliance with infection prevention and control requirements (clinical, hotel and security staff)
- Evidence of community cases attributed to cases in international travellers in hotel quarantine (including cases in hotel and security staff)
- Rates of compliance with testing
- Legislative or contractual basis for mandatory testing
- Management of suspected and confirmed cases
- Provision and effectiveness of support services (medical, mental health, social services, financial support)
- Management of vulnerable people
- Management of cultural diversity
- Logistics arrangements
- Administrative arrangements
- Changing capacity requirements related to changes in border restrictions

States and territories are moving toward a model of charging for hotel quarantine. Further details will be provided by states and territories in the coming days, with National Cabinet agreeing to work toward a uniform model across the country.

Caps on international passengers

Since 13 March 2020 more than 357,000 citizens and permanent residents have returned to Australia. In order to manage and maintain quarantine arrangements across the jurisdictions of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia, National Cabinet agreed to implement further caps on international arrivals, and an extension of current international passenger flight restrictions into Victoria.

From Monday 13 July, the following will apply:

- Perth - a cap of 525 international arrivals per week will apply.
- Brisbane - an overall cap of 500 international arrivals per week will apply.
- Sydney - a cap of 450 international arrivals per day will continue, as announced on 4 July with a view to further reductions in subsequent weeks.

Flexibility remains within these caps to as much as possible minimise disruptions to returning Australian citizens and permanent residents.

These arrangements will be subject to a review by the National Cabinet before the end of July. Restrictions on outbound travel by Australian citizens and permanent residents remain in place, in accordance with the health advice to the Government.

Additional Papers

National Cabinet endorsed a number of papers to enable reopening under a Three-Step Framework for a COVID Safe Australia:

- Updated Management and Operational Plan for People with Disability
- Management of Health Risk related to COVID-19

26 June 2020 – National Cabinet discussed the localised outbreaks in Victoria and the health response underway and committed to providing as much support as is necessary. Localised response plans are part of the Three-Step Framework for easing restrictions agreed by all jurisdictions. Victoria is responding well, including with testing and tracing, and the Commonwealth and other jurisdictions stand ready to assist where needed.

National Cabinet recommitted to the strategy of suppression of COVID-19 and to the Three-Step Framework to a COVID-safe Australia.

National Cabinet will meet again on 10 July 2020.

Small venues and physical distancing

National Cabinet agreed that under Step 3 of the Framework for a COVID-safe Australia and based on AHPPC advice, states and territories can allow small premises to apply a one-person, per two square-metre rule with a COVID-safe plan in place.

The PM indicated that a small premise would be around 100 sq metres.

Roadmap for arts and entertainment venues

National Cabinet asked AHPPC to develop a roadmap for re-opening arts and entertainment venues, in particular to enable planning for productions to commence.

This will build on the AHPPC Statement on the safe return of crowds to stadiums, arenas and large theatres. Under this plan the AHPPC advises that in Step 3, seated and ticketed events may take place with crowd limits for example, stadiums with a capacity of up to 40,000 people may operate at 25 per cent seating capacity and stadiums with a capacity of greater than 40,000 people may not have more than 10,000 people. In later steps, states and territories may allow all large venues to admit larger crowds provided there is no evidence of community transmission, the event is seated and ticketed, physical distancing and other public health measures are maintained, and all public health risks are managed.

Localised Health Response

National Cabinet discussed the outbreaks in Victoria and how best to ensure a coordinated, cross-jurisdictional response to localised health outbreaks going forward.

The National Cabinet agreed to a new plan for Australia's Public Health Capacity and COVID-19. Under the plan developed by the AHPPC, six actions for state, territory and Commonwealth governments will improve long term sustainability of the public health workforce for the remainder of COVID-19 and beyond by:

- strengthening a formal surge plan for the public health response workforce and review the ongoing structure of the public health units;
- progressing the national interoperable notifiable disease surveillance system (NINDSS) project and prioritise appropriate interfaces;
- establishing a national training program for surge workforce;
- better support the Communicable Disease Network of Australia (CDNA), including shared costs;
- prioritising enhancing the public health physician workforce capacity; and
- considering options for developing a formal public health workforce training program.

Hotel Quarantine

National Cabinet confirmed that the current hotel quarantine arrangements remain in place. In addition, National Cabinet agreed that further testing will be conducted for all those in hotel quarantine, including within the first 48 hours in quarantine and then on day 10-12 of quarantine.

12 June – National Cabinet recommitted to a strategy of suppression of COVID-19.

We need to continue to have the right controls in place to test more people, trace those who test positive and respond to local outbreaks when they occur. These are precedent conditions to enable

Australia to relax baseline restrictions and enable Australians to live and work in a COVID-safe economy.

National Cabinet will meet again on 26 June 2020.

Progress on restrictions

National Cabinet reconfirmed the commitment to the 3 step framework for a COVID-safe Australia to be completed in July 2020.

All states are now in Step 2 or 3, the number of new cases has remained low, and localised outbreaks have been responded to effectively. Active case numbers continue to drop, community transmission remains low, and we are starting to see days with no new cases in most parts of the country. This progress needs to be maintained in order to make further economic and social gains – by living and working in COVID-safe ways as restrictions continue to ease.

National Cabinet agreed to further changes based on AHPPC advice to enable extended removal of restrictions under Step 3 for indoor gathering density rules and reopening ticketed and seated outdoor events, including in stadiums.

Indoor Gatherings

National Cabinet agreed to remove the 100 person limit on non-essential indoor gatherings under the Step 3 Framework and replace it with:

- 1 person per 4sqm;
- staying 1.5 metres away from other people whenever and wherever possible;
- maintaining good hand washing and cough/sneeze hygiene;
- staying home when unwell, and getting tested if you have respiratory symptoms or a fever;
- downloading the COVIDSafe app to allow identification and traceability of people that have been in contact with a confirmed COVID case; and
- developing COVIDSafe plans for workplaces and premises.

States and territories will determine when to implement these changes under Step 3.

National Cabinet requested further advice from the AHPPC on the 1 person per 4 sqm density rule and application for small premises.

National Cabinet reiterated that it is vital for our society and our economy that we can live with this virus, and keep ourselves and others safe – we cannot risk a second wave and having to step backwards, especially now that we are making such good progress.

National Cabinet reiterated that high risk venues such as nightclubs do not form part of Step 3 and will be considered following further advice from medical experts.

Outdoor events including stadiums

For outdoor venues up to 40,000 spectator capacity, ticketed and seated events will be able to be held in front of a crowd of no more than 25 per cent of capacity under Step 3.

States and territories will make decisions on when to move to Step 3 under COVIDSafe plans.

At a minimum, COVID-Safe arrangements must be maintained including:

- 1 person per 4sqm;
- staying 1.5 metres away from other people whenever and wherever possible;

- maintaining good hand washing and cough/sneeze hygiene;
- staying home when unwell, and getting tested if you have respiratory symptoms or a fever; and
- downloading the COVIDSafe app to allow identification and traceability of people that have been in contact with a confirmed COVID case.

For outdoor venues of more than 40,000 spectator capacity, further advice is being sought from the AHPPC, with arrangements to be settled by the states and territories on a venue by venue basis.

National Cabinet reiterated that high risk outdoor events without ticketed seating such as music festivals do not form part of Step 3 and will be considered following further advice from medical experts.

International Students

National Cabinet agreed to work closely and carefully to return international students on a small, phased scale through a series of controlled pilots.

This planning process will take time and require well thought through plans from state and territory governments. Preconditions will include the reopening of internal state and territory borders, as well as the return to on-campus learning for the benefit of domestic students and the international students who are already in Australia.

11 June 2020 –

The reopening of state borders will be on the agenda when National Cabinet meets on 12 June 2020, given step 3 of National Cabinet’s roadmap to recovery begins next month which includes interstate travel. This comes after the Prime Minister has publicly urged Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and Northern Territory to reconsider border closures.

29 May 2020 –

Review of Restrictions:

On 8 May 2020, National Cabinet approved the 3-Step Framework for a COVIDSafe Australia and agreed to a minimum of three weeks between implementation of each step of the framework. The AHPPC has advised that there has been continued progress on meeting the majority of precedent conditions under the Pandemic Health Intelligence Plan to enable restrictions to be removed under the 3 Step COVID-Safe Australia.

All states and territories have reduced transmission, enabling Step 1 conditions to be established. Some jurisdictions have been able to move further than Step 1 due to their local conditions. Successfully removing restrictions under Step 1 is estimated to return 250,000 jobs and increase economic activity by \$3.1 billion.

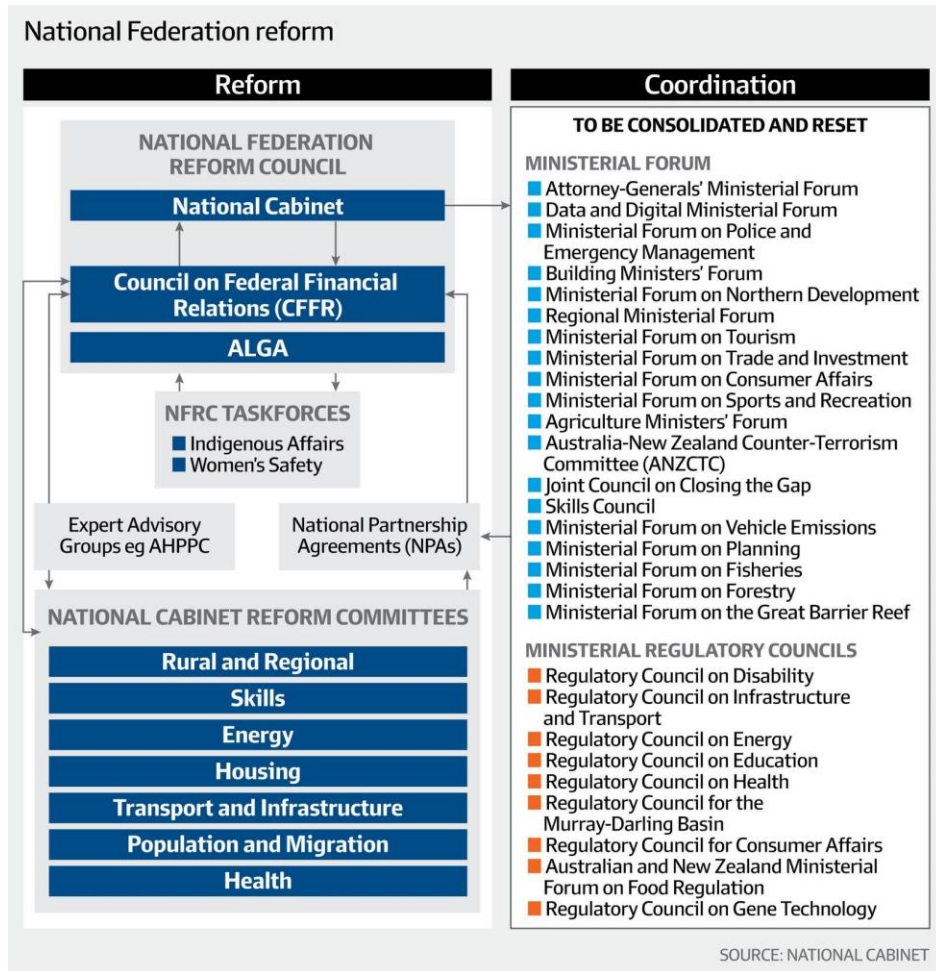
Principles for Public Transport Operations:

National Cabinet agreed that public transport services are the responsibility of the states and territories. To support this effort, National Cabinet endorsed principles approved by the AHPPC which will help manage the health and safety of workers and passengers on public transport networks, find it [here](#).

National Federation Reform Council:

National Cabinet has agreed to the formation of the National Federation Reform Council and the cessation of the COAG model. National Cabinet has worked effectively to respond to COVID-19. The

new National Federation Reform Council agreed to by Premiers, Chief Ministers and the Prime Minister, will change the way the Commonwealth and states and territories effectively and productively work together to address new areas of reform. Find the structure below:



During the COVID-19 period, National Cabinet will continue to meet every two weeks. In the future, these meetings will take place once a month.

15 May 2020 –

The National Cabinet met to further discuss Australia's current COVID-19 response, easing restrictions in the coming months, helping Australians prepare to go back to work in a COVID-Safe environment and getting the economy moving again.

National Cabinet noted that the Governor-General extended the human biosecurity emergency period for three months from 17 June 2020 to 17 September 2020. This will enable the Minister for Health to continue to exercise the emergency powers under the Commonwealth Biosecurity Act to prevent or control the spread of COVID-19.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Pandemic Plan

National Cabinet endorsed the *Mental Health and Wellbeing Pandemic Plan* developed by the National Mental Health Commission.

The Plan acknowledges the significant impact that COVID-19 has had on the mental health and wellbeing of so many Australians, including mental health impacts from economic downturn through loss of income and job losses.

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Pandemic Plan has three core objectives to:

1. Meet the mental health and wellbeing needs of all Australians to reduce the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in the short and long term;
2. Outline seven key principles and 10 key priorities to inform the jurisdictions as they respond to the challenges of COVID-19 during the response and recovery from the pandemic; and
3. Define governance, coordination and implementation requirements across jurisdictions to facilitate informed planning and decision making

National Cabinet noted that the Commonwealth will invest \$48.1 million in the plan focused on:

- Improving data and research with more immediate monitoring and modelling of mental health impact of COVID-19, including boosting national capability in monitoring, anticipating and reacting to mental health impacts of the pandemic; expanding the national self-harm and suicide monitoring systems; and investment in the National Suicide Prevention Research Fund;
- Supporting vulnerable groups, by supporting services accessible in homes, workplaces, aged care, schools and other community sites - with a specific focus on vulnerable groups - aged care, carers and indigenous mental health support; and
- Better coordination and communications - more connectivity through improved service linkage and coordination, including a national mental health communication campaign to manage anxiety and encourage mental wellbeing and systems to guide the onward care of people contacting federal digital and telephone support services by connecting them to appropriate local services that provide outreach care in the home.

National Cabinet further noted Victoria's investment of \$19.5 million, announced today, to deliver mental health reforms and additional resources, staff and programs, as more people seek support as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

All governments agreed the need for each jurisdiction to ensure Australians receive the mental health services and support they require at this time, and in the coming phases of recovery and rebuilding.

National Cabinet will meet again on Friday 29 May 2020.

8 May 2020 – Re-opening a COVID-safe Australia and economy

The National Cabinet met today to finalise the three-step plan to gradually remove baseline restrictions and make Australia COVID-safe.

Each step we take needs to be underpinned by a strong commitment from all of us to:

- stay 1.5 metres away from other people whenever and wherever we can
- maintain good hand washing and cough/sneeze hygiene
- stay home when we're unwell, and getting tested if we have respiratory symptoms or a fever,
- download the COVIDSafe app so we can find the virus quickly, and
- Develop COVID safe plans for workplaces and plans.

Our three-step plan provides a pathway for jurisdictions to move towards COVID safe communities in a way that best suits their individual circumstances. States and territories are able to move between the steps on the pathway at different times, in line with their current public health situation and local conditions. They'll need to maintain steady case numbers and be able to rapidly contain outbreaks, which we're set to do - with our enhanced testing regime, strengthened health surge capacity, and improved ability to quickly identify people who may have been exposed to the virus.

For each of the major areas of restrictions we have set out three key steps between where we are now and where we want to be.

- **Step 1** will focus on carefully reopening the economy, and giving Australians opportunities to return to work and social activities, including gatherings of up to 10 people, up to 5 visitors in the family home and some local and regional travel
- **Step 2** builds on this with gatherings of up to 20, and more businesses reopening, including gyms, beauty services and entertainment venues like galleries and cinemas.
- **Step 3** will see a transition to COVID safe ways of living and working, with gatherings of up to 100 people permitted. Arrangements under step 3 will be the 'new normal' while the virus remains a threat. International travel and mass gatherings over 100 people will remain restricted.

Under the three-step plan, states and territories continue to make decisions to their individual circumstances and local conditions.

Jurisdictions may ease restrictions at a different pace.

National Cabinet also committed – as part of the three-step plan – to regular reviews and stocktake assessments of our progress every three weeks. We will be closely monitoring the situation as restrictions are eased. This will enable us to assess the impact of changes, track progress against our agreed precedent conditions, determine the pace of moving through the steps, and make any further decisions. National Cabinet's goal is to have a sustainable COVID safe Australia in July 2020.

5 May 2020 – National Cabinet encouraged Australians to download the COVIDSafe app to ensure that we can protect Australians and reset baseline restrictions. Nearly 5 million Australians have already downloaded the COVIDSafe app.

National Cabinet welcomed New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern for a part of today's meeting to discuss our countries' approaches to combating the virus. We agreed to start work on a trans-Tasman COVID-19 safe travel zone, easing travel restrictions between Australia and New Zealand.

Establishing a COVID-19 Safe Australia - returning to work safely and confidently

The Chair of the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission, Mr Neville Power, briefed National Cabinet on the importance of a proactive and consistent approach to supporting businesses and workers to safely return to work - drawing on the National COVID-19 Safe Workplace Principles that had been agreed by National Cabinet on 24 April 2020.

National Cabinet agreed that Safework Australia would be the single source of information, which will allow businesses to plan with confidence and consistency. A toolkit is being developed for businesses to use, to help them be work ready in a COVID-19 safe environment. National Cabinet encouraged businesses to be prepared for reopening, to protect their workers and protect their business.

Establishing a COVID-19 Safe Australia - removing baseline restrictions

National Cabinet agreed to establish a three step framework to gradually remove baseline restrictions to enable Australians to live in a COVID-19 safe economy. Details will be determined by National Cabinet on Friday 8 May 2020.

Individual states and territories will determine the timeframe for graduating between steps and individual restrictions to remove. This reflects the fact that states and territories are at different stages of the pandemic response, with 6 of 8 states and territories now recording multiple zero case days.

National Cabinet noted that the Northern Territory has announced that by 5 June 2020, it will be able to remove many restrictions, while maintaining social distancing, hygiene and travel restrictions.

It is National Cabinet's aim to have a sustainable COVID-19 safe economy in July 2020. This will be subject to strong epidemiology results, testing, tracing and local surge health response capacity. National Cabinet noted that some health measures will need to be in place for a considerable period of time including social distancing, strong hygiene and international travel restrictions. Some jurisdictions may choose to maintain interstate travel restrictions.

1 May 2020 – National Cabinet encouraged Australians to download the COVIDSafe app to ensure that we can protect Australians and reset baseline restrictions. National Cabinet agreed to bring forward the review of the first phase of removing baseline restrictions on Friday 8 May 2020, including an assessment of achievement against precedent conditions.

National Cabinet endorsed the draft 'Code of Conduct on Pandemic Procedures' for residential aged care.

National Cabinet considered and endorsed 'National Principles for the Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activities' developed by the AHPPC in consultation with sporting bodies across Australia. It was noted that evidence to date suggests that even with similar mitigation steps, outdoor activities are a lower risk setting for COVID-19 transmission. The staged return will commence an initial phase of small group (<10) activities in a non-contact fashion, prior to moving on to a subsequent phase of large group (>10) activities including full contact training and competition in sport.

National Cabinet agreed that the 'Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment' developed by the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) provides a guide to the staged resumption of sport and recreation in Australia.

26 April 2020 – The Australian Government launched the new voluntary coronavirus app, COVIDSafe. The app is an important public health initiative that will help keep individuals, families and the community safe from further spread of coronavirus through early notification of possible exposure.

24 April 2020 – As a next step in Australia's response, National Cabinet agreed to expand testing criteria across Australia to all people with mild symptoms of COVID-19. This will ensure cases are quickly identified.

Further work to plan for enhanced monitoring, testing and tracing is underway through the development of the Pandemic Health Intelligence Plan and an Australian National Disease Surveillance Plan sitting under the Australian Health Sector Emergency Response Plan for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

National Cabinet received an updated briefing on new modelling with the Reff now below 1.0 across all states and territories, except for Tasmania. Australia's case detection rate is 93 per cent and projections of case numbers are below lower bound modelled estimates.

National Safe Workplace Principles

National Cabinet agreed to develop nationally-consistent, industry-specific work health and safety guidance on COVID-19, accessible via a central hub provided by Safe Work Australia.

The guidance will be developed and endorsed through Safe Work Australia, working with its members (the Commonwealth, states and territories, employer groups, and unions). The guidance will be housed on a revamped Safe Work Australia website.

Australian workplaces will be able to use this central hub of WHS guidance and tools to help manage health and safety risks posed by COVID-19.

To support the development of nationally-consistent guidance, National Cabinet agreed to the 'National COVID-19 Safe Workplace Principles'.

National Cabinet agreed to meet again on 1 May 2020.

21 April 2020 – The Chief Medical Officer Dr Brendan Murphy provided an update on the measures underway, the latest data and medical advice in relation to COVID-19.

For COVID-19 suppression strategies to be effective, Reff (the number of people a single case infects on average) needs to be less than 1.0. The results continue to look very encouraging.

To continue to suppress COVID-19, National Cabinet has commenced further work on Australia's public health response including enhanced testing, tracing and local health response capabilities. This work will feed into [National Cabinet's review of baseline restrictions by 14 May 2020](#).

National Cabinet was briefed on the new app currently under development to support state and territory health authorities to notify close contacts of a person diagnosed with COVID-19. [National Cabinet provided its in-principle support for the app](#). The Government will provide further information on the app closer to its release.

National Cabinet agreed to meet again on Friday 24 April 2020.

16 April 2020 – National Cabinet advised that the next phase of modelling has begun; 'nowcasting'. Nowcasting is the concept of using data from the previous 14 days to more accurately understand the present state of the epidemic, given the known time from infection to illness and imperfect case finding. The [Modelling the current impact of COVID-19 in Australia](#) presentation made by the Chief Medical Officer was publicly released.

National Cabinet agreed to a framework for future actions to plan the pathway for next steps in responding to the virus and conditions for relaxation.

National Cabinet agreed that any changes to the current measures must be underpinned by a strengthened public health response for case and contact identification and management, continued surge capacity in the healthcare system and a clear communications plan.

National Cabinet agreed to [baseline measures remaining in place for the next four weeks](#), with individual states and territories who have put in place extended measures beyond baselines, to consider these measures based on up to date data and circumstances.

National Cabinet agreed to AHPCC advice on [seven precedent conditions to any further relaxations](#), with work to continue over the next four weeks.

1. Situational awareness of current measures and their impact – sophisticated surveillance of disease incidence and spread, health system status, public health capabilities, stocks of material and community adherence to public health measures.
2. Finalised surveillance plan – enabled with adequate resources.
3. A better understanding of the implications of the modelling and a better understanding of the characteristics and transmission of the virus.
4. Complete maturation of public health capacity – including capacity to conduct testing more broadly; and public health workforce and technology for contact tracing, data collection and analysis.

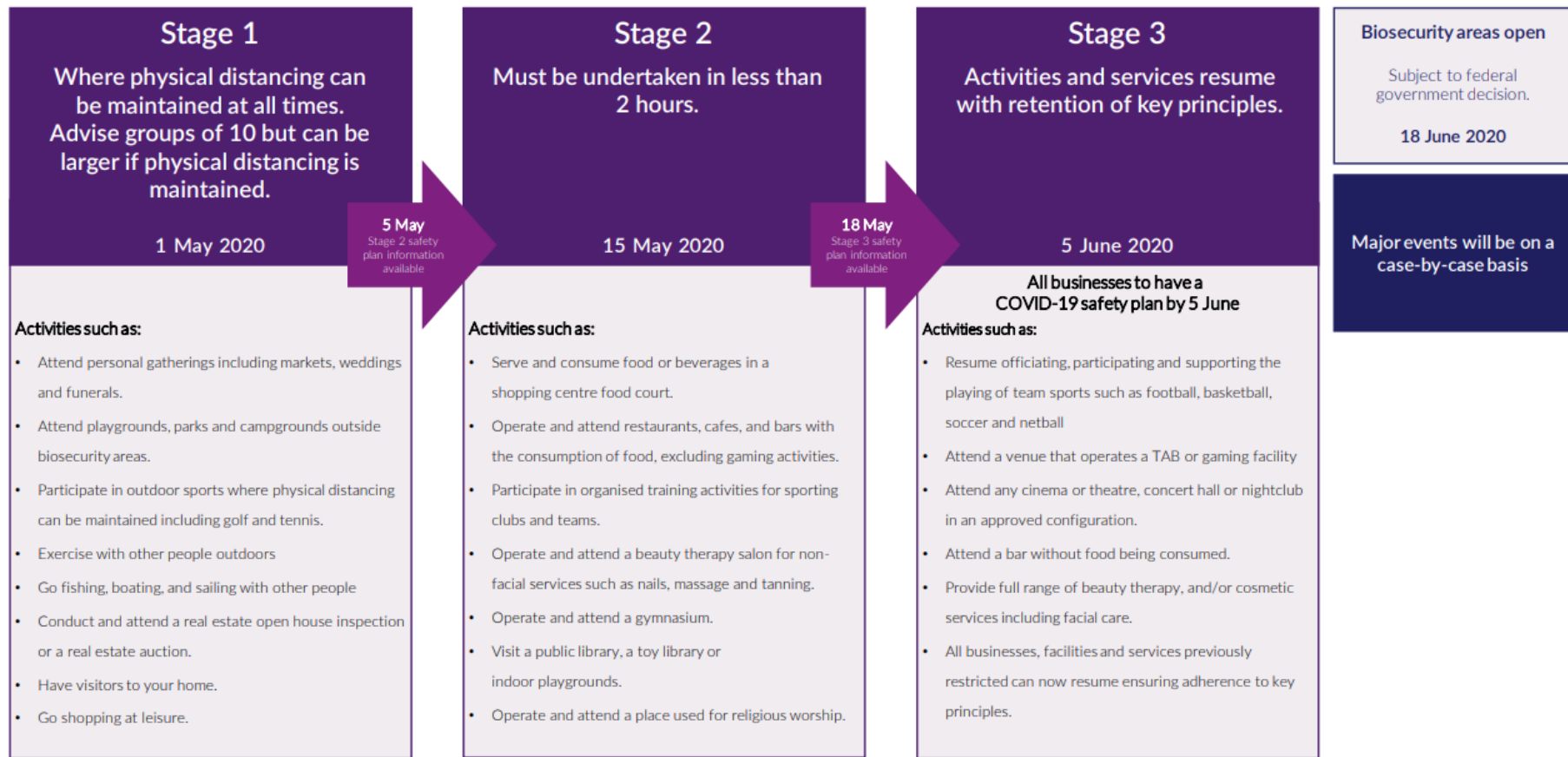
5. Advanced technology for contact tracing – the role of a mobile phone application should be wholly explored, as it could be a valuable tool in contact tracing if numbers increase and the application is widely taken up. This would act to complement and augment our current public health contact tracing strategies and enable scale-back strategies.
6. Assurance of adequate health system capacity – should control measures fail, there must be assurance that the system will cope with any surge in cases, including the requirement for hospital beds, ventilators, PPE and ongoing workforce training.
7. Assurance of supply lines for – PPE, pathology consumables, ventilators.

3. State and Territory Individual Roadmaps

NT Roadmap – updated 13th May 2020

Roadmap to the new normal Staged approach to COVID-19

This roadmap to the new normal is based on principles for personal responsibility, physical distancing, and hygiene, which are derived from the best available evidence and advice, applied in the context of the NT.



https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/819034/roadmap-new-normal.pdf

Roadmap to easing Queensland's restrictions

A step-down approach to COVID-19

Unite against COVID-19 

CONTINUING CONDITIONS • Social distancing, 1.5 metres and hygiene • Stay at home if you're sick • Tracking, tracing, rapid response • Frequent cleaning and disinfection

from 11:59pm STAGE 1: 15 MAY 2020 (2 weeks)	commencing from 12 noon STAGE 2: 1 JUNE 2020 (5 weeks)
<p>Family, friends and community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gatherings in homes (household plus max 5 visitors, allowed from separate households) Gatherings of up to 10 people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> outdoor, non-contact activity personal training and pools (indoor and outdoor) public spaces and lagoons (e.g. South Bank Parklands, Cairns, Airlie Beach etc.) libraries, parks, playground equipment, skate parks and outdoor gyms weddings and places of worship hiking and other recreational activities in national and state parks Funerals (max 20 indoors or 30 outdoors) Recreational travel (max 150kms within your region for day trips). <p>Businesses and economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retail shopping 10 people permitted at any one time for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> dining in (with COVID Safe Checklist): restaurants, cafés, pubs, registered and licensed clubs, RSL clubs and hotels – no bars or gaming open homes and auctions beauty therapy and nail salons (with COVID Safe Checklist) All students back at school from 25 May 2020. <p>Outback[‡]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dining in (with COVID Safe Checklist): restaurants, cafés, pubs, registered and licensed clubs, RSL clubs and hotels (max 20 at any one time) for locals only (must show proof of residence) – no bars or gaming Recreational travel including overnight accommodation max 500 kms within the outback only if you live in the outback. 	<p>Family, friends and community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gatherings of up to 20 people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> homes public spaces and lagoons* (e.g. South Bank Parklands, Cairns, Airlie Beach etc.) non-contact indoor and outdoor community sport* personal training, gyms*, health clubs*, yoga studios*, pools* (indoor and outdoor) and community sports clubs* museums*, art galleries* and historic sites* weddings and places of worship* libraries*, parks, playground equipment, skate parks and outdoor gyms hiking, camping and other recreational activities in national and state parks Funerals[§] (max 100 people) Recreational travel, camping and accommodation, including caravan parks (anywhere in Queensland*). <p>Businesses and economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlimited travel and overnight stays for all of Queensland* (including for school holidays) Dining in or seated drinks in restaurants, cafés, pubs, registered or licensed clubs, RSL Clubs, hotels and casinos (no gaming) – up to 20 patrons per room or defined area (indoors or outdoors) for a venue (when following a COVID Safe Industry Plan) 20 people permitted at any one time for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> indoor cinemas* open homes* and auctions* outdoor amusement parks*, tourism experiences*, zoos* and arcades* concert venues*, theatres*, arenas*, auditoriums* and stadiums* beauty therapy, nail salons, tanning, tattoo parlours and spas (with COVID Safe Checklist).

* More with COVID Safe Plan or Site Specific Plan approved by health authorities

[‡] Max 50 with a COVID Safe Checklist when not complying with the COVID Safe Industry Plan

[§] Except Biosecurity Areas or Restricted Areas

[¶] Provided contact details are kept for at least 56 days

[‡] Defined areas no longer required.

Remote community restricted areas:

- The restrictions on access to Declared Travel Zones will continue under the CHO Direction: Restricted Access to Remote Communities
- Under the Remote Communities Roadmap, any easing of restrictions in those areas will occur following an assessment of public health advice, response capability and community consultation.

commencing from 12 noon STAGE 3: 3 JULY 2020
<p>Family, friends and community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private, non-commercial (e.g. home) gatherings of up to 100 with friends and family Weddings and funerals (max 100 people)[‡] Maximum number of persons at museums, art galleries, libraries and historic sites determined by the one person per 4 square metre rule Sport, recreation and fitness organisations when following a COVID Safe Industry Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> resumption of activity including competition and physical contact is permitted on the field of play indoor sports facilities can open with one person per 4 square metres (off the field of play)[§] outdoor sports facilities can open with physical distancing (off the field of play). <p>Businesses and economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum number of customers for a business at any one time is determined by the 4 square metre rule[¶] For smaller venues below 200 square metres, businesses can have one person per 2 square metres up to 50 persons at a time[¶] The following businesses and areas may re-open with a COVID Safe Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> casinos, gaming and gambling venues (including electronic gaming machines) non-therapeutic massage[‡] saunas and bathhouses[‡] nightclubs food courts Office-based workers can return to their place of work Up to 25,000 spectators or 50% of capacity (whichever is the lesser) at Queensland's Major Sports Facilities, with a COVID Safe Plan Concert venues, theatres and auditoriums can open and have up to 50% capacity or one person per 4 square metres (whichever is the greater), with a COVID Safe Plan More events allowed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> fewer than 500 people – no approval needed when following a COVID Safe Event Checklist 500 to 10,000 people – need a COVID Safe Event Plan approved by local public health units over 10,000 people – need a COVID Safe Event Plan approved by the Queensland Chief Health Officer COVID Safe Industry Plans continue to apply with revisions to reflect changes in Stage 3. COVID Safe Checklists continue to apply.

BORDERS
<p>From 12:01pm 10 July 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Queensland Government will implement enhanced border control measures, including border passes and identification screening. From 10 July 2020, any person travelling from New South Wales, Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania, the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory may enter Queensland subject to completing and signing a border declaration and undertaking to present for a COVID-19 test if they develop symptoms. Any person that has been in a COVID-19 hotspot during the past 14 days, including Victoria, must not enter Queensland. The only exceptions (and subject to strict conditions) are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Queensland resident returning home who will be subject to government directed quarantine a person entering to perform an essential activity approved by the Chief Health Officer a person listed in other limited categories as listed in the border direction. <p>Offences and enforcement measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All persons entering Queensland must complete and sign a border declaration stating whether they have been overseas or in a COVID-19 hotspot, had contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case or had symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Significant penalties apply for false statements. All flights will be checked, and road vehicle borders will be enforced. Police will enforce quarantine. A person who refuses testing in quarantine will be subject to a further 10-day period at cost. <p>Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Queensland Chief Health Officer will review levels of community transmission and may impose additional restrictions should new hotspots occur.

Ongoing review

- Ongoing review of state-based restrictions will be undertaken based on levels of community transmission. This includes:
 - density requirements, including consideration of moving from 4 to 2 square metres per person for all venues
 - remaining restrictions on high-risk businesses and activities.



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ROADMAP FOR EASING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

STEP 2 PLUS CURRENT



1 per
4 sqm



1.5
metres



300
total max



75 max
(per room/group)

- Defined businesses and public activities must have a COVID-Safe Plan
- Private gatherings 75 people max
- Funerals and weddings 75 people max
- Hospitality (seated at a table) at restaurants, cafes, wineries, pubs, breweries, bars
- Recreational spaces in venues using shared equipment (e.g. billiards, pool, darts) without alcohol and food consumption
- Beauty, nails, tattoo and massage
- Cinemas, theatres, galleries and museums
- Churches, mosques, places of worship and ceremonies
- Aged care visit restrictions apply
- Hospital visit restrictions apply
- Community, youth and RSL halls
- Auctions and inspections
- Local government libraries
- Pools (all water activities permitted)

- Campgrounds and caravan parks
- Driving instruction lessons
- Gyms
- Zoos and wildlife parks
- Outdoor public assemblies 300 max
- Indoor group fitness classes:
 - 1 per 4 sqm for up to 10 people
 - 1 per 7 sqm for 11 to 20 people

SPORT (CURRENT)

- Non-contact outdoor sport (competition)
- Non-contact indoor sport (training and competition) and indoor recreation activities
- Contact outdoor sport (contact training)
- Contact indoor sport (non-contact skills training)

SPORT FROM 25 JUNE

- Contact outdoor sport (competition)
- Contact indoor sport (contact training)

STEP 3 FROM 29 JUNE



1 per
2 sqm



no
max

- COVID Safe Plans will continue to be required for defined public activities. An approved COVID Management Plan will be required for some activities, including large public gatherings (further details to be provided). Most activities/business will be permitted including those previously not allowed:
- Food courts (on-site consumption)
 - Gaming rooms/facilities in pubs and clubs
 - Contact indoor sport (competition)
 - Standing hospitality
 - Nightclubs and music festivals
 - Casinos
 - Spas, saunas and bathing
 - Indoor play centres, amusement arcades, amusement parks

INTERSTATE TRAVEL

- Currently, travellers entering South Australia directly from Western Australia, Northern Territory, Queensland and Tasmania are not required to quarantine. Travellers entering from other states/territories are required to quarantine for 14 days.
- Subject to a public health risk assessment, from 20 July travellers entering from New South Wales, Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory will no longer be required to quarantine for 14 days.



Updated 23 June 2020



Avoid close contact with others
Practise physical distancing



If you have cold or flu symptoms, seek testing and stay home until you are well



Wash your hands often, wipe frequently touched surfaces, and cover coughs and sneezes



Download the COVIDSafe app to keep you, your family and your community safe

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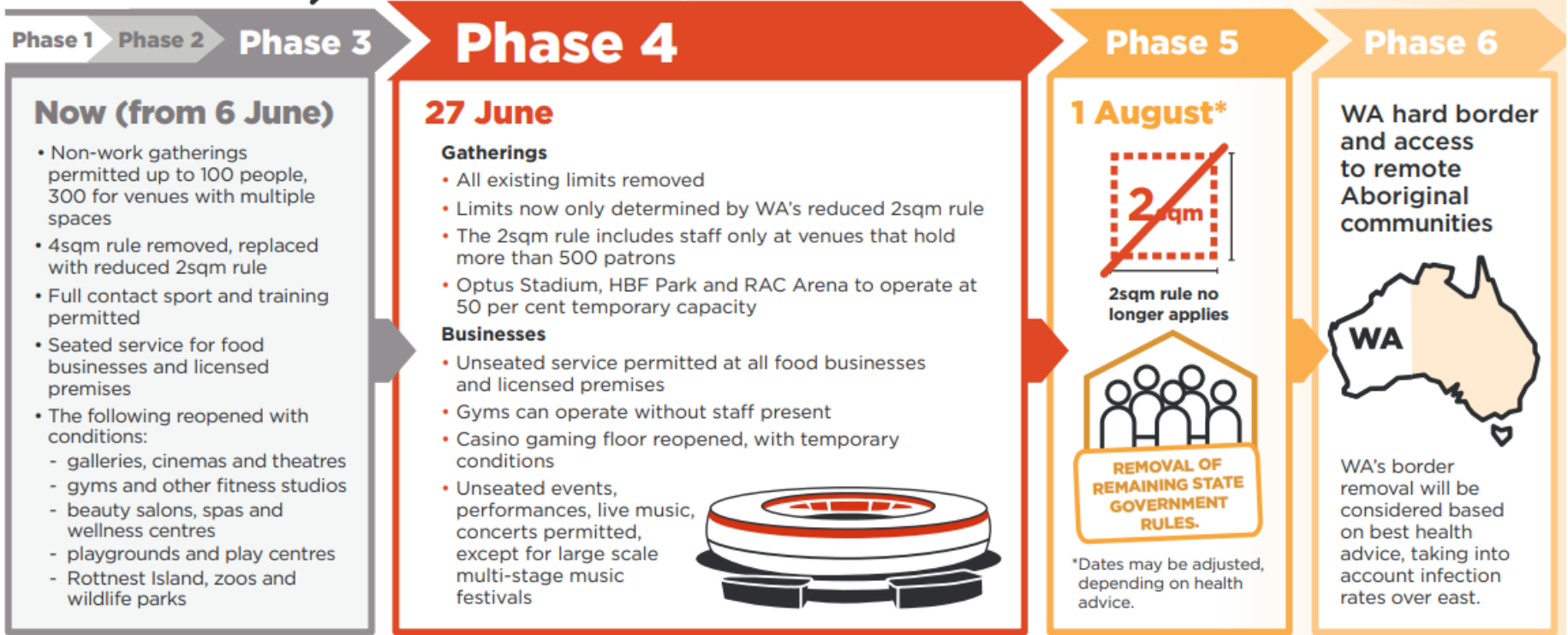
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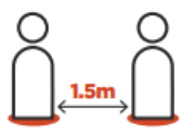
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COVID-19 WA roadmap Phase 4



Stay vigilant, protect yourself and others



Avoid close contact with others
Practise physical distancing



Healthy hygiene
Wash your hands regularly. Cover your mouth/nose when you cough/sneeze



Download the COVIDSafe app



2 square metre per person capacity rule for WA venues

We're all in this together.

Stage 4 Metro Melb Business Restrictions – 5 August

Stage 4 Restrictions



This table describes the 'Permitted Work Premises' for the purposes of the Restricted Activity Directions (Restricted Areas) (No 6), effective as at 5 August 2020 from 11:59pm (version 1.0). This table may be amended and updated with approval of the Chief Health Officer.

Unless an exception applies, only Permitted Work Premises may operate with on-site operations during the restricted activity period in the Restricted Area, and only to the extent permitted as set out below.

Employers for Permitted Work Premises are only permitted to have employees on-site if it is not reasonably practicable for the employee to work from home and the employer and employee comply with the Directions currently in force, including the Workplace Directions and the Permitted Worker Permit Scheme Directions.

Where a Permitted Work Premises is able to operate on-site, additional restrictions may apply as listed below and in the Directions.

To avoid doubt, the following are Permitted Work Premises in the following circumstances:

- Ancillary and support businesses are able to open on-site to ensure the necessary production, supply, manufacture, repair, maintenance, cleaning, security, wholesale, distribution, transportation or sale of equipment, goods or services required for the operations of a Permitted Work Premises, or for Closed Work Premises where there are safety or environmental obligations. The business cannot operate on-site for any other purpose.
- Services and ancillary services that relate to the COVID-19 health response are Permitted Work Premises.
- Services connected with animal health, husbandry or welfare, including the RSPCA, are Permitted Work Premises.
- Union/peak body/employer organisation officials attending a worksite as permitted by law or for Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) advice is permitted.

SECTOR	PERMITTED WORK PREMISES
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forestry activity for the purposes of or relating to:

Relevant documents for metropolitan Melbourne Businesses

1. ['Permitted Work Premises' for the purposes of the Restricted Activity Directions \(Restricted Areas\) \(No 6\), effective as at 5 August 2020 from 11:59pm \(version 1.0\) \(PDF\)](#)
2. The Workplace Directions come into force at 11:59pm on 5 August 2020. [Workplace Directions \(PDF\)](#)
3. These directions establish the Permitted Worker Permit Scheme and the Access to Onsite Childcare/Kindergarten Permit Scheme. The Permitted Worker Permit Scheme Directions come into force at 11:59pm on 5 August 2020. [Permitted Worker and Childcare Permit Scheme Directions \(PDF\)](#)

Note: the Permitted Work Premises table should be read in conjunction with the [Restricted Activity Directions \(Restricted Areas\) \(No 6\) \(PDF\)](#)

It has additional clarification for example: *If a Work Premises includes a number of functions and only part of the functions undertaken at the premises are a Permitted Work Premises, only those permitted functions may operate.*

Directions from Public Health Commander in accordance with emergency powers arising from declared state of emergency

Workplace Directions

Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 (Vic)

Section 200

I, Dr Finn Romanes, Public Health Commander, consider it necessary to eliminate or reduce the risk to public health—and reasonably necessary to protect public health—to give the following directions pursuant to section 200(1)(d) of the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 (Vic) (PHW Act)**:

Workplace Directions

These Directions establish more specific obligations on employers and workers in relation to managing the risk associated with COVID.

The Direction has a number of sections to be aware of including:

- Operation of a Work Premises.
- Measures an employer must take to reduce the risk of COVID at work premises
 - Face Covering Requirements for employers
 - COVIDSafe Plans ([Creating a COVID Safe workplace](#))
 - Record-keeping obligations
 - Density Quotient
 - Signage Requirements
 - Cleaning Requirements
 - Reducing work across multiple sites
 - Responding to a suspected case of COVID in a work premise
 - Responding to a confirmed case of COVID in a work premise

Permitted worker scheme

Employers are required to issue permits for their employees in permitted work sites. The [Permitted worker scheme page](#) has more information about the scheme, access to childcare and the application forms.

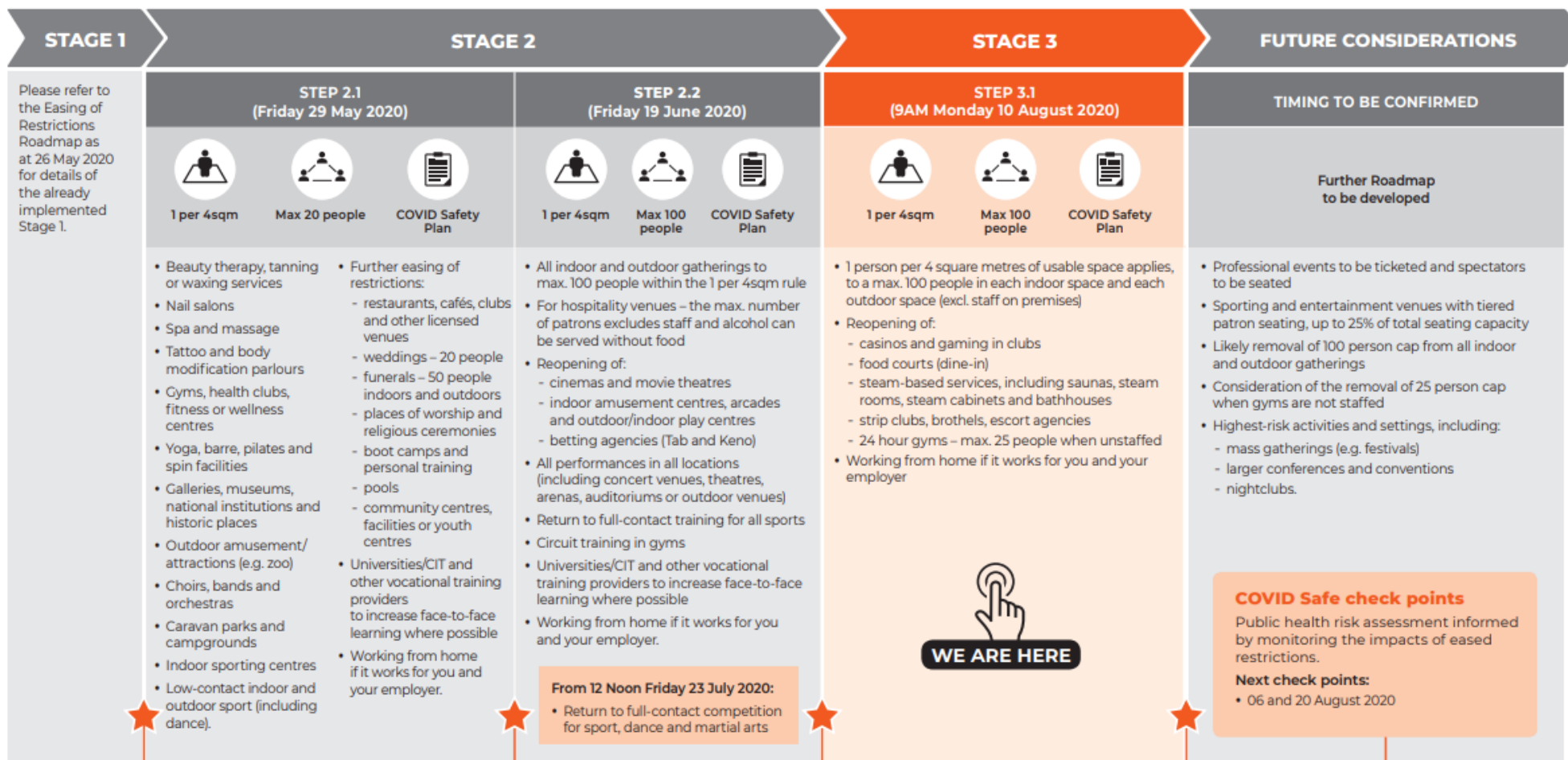
Regional Victoria Restrictions – 2 August

RESTRICTIONS APPLYING TO REGIONAL VICTORIA (STAGE 3)

REGIONAL VICTORIA INCLUDING MITCHELL SHIRE LGA FROM 11:59PM WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST	
Reasons to leave your house	<p>Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay at Home, except for four reasons: necessary goods or services; medical care or compassionate reasons; exercise, work and education if necessary. • Exemptions include visiting a person with whom you are in an intimate personal relationship, including inside metropolitan Melbourne. <p>Cannot enter metropolitan Melbourne for exercise or recreation.</p>
Gatherings of people	<p>Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private: no visitors. • Public: up to 2 people or household members only.
Employer obligations	<p>No change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work from home: Must not allow employees to work from workplace if reasonably practicable to work from home.
Schools	<p>Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote learning state-wide, including Year 11 and 12s, except for vulnerable children and children of permitted workers (from Wednesday, 5 August) • Specialist schools remain open for all children. • Childcare and kinder remain open for all children.
Sporting activities	<p>Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community sport: closed. • Indoor sport and recreation: closed. • Outdoor sport: only allowed to exercise, or activities such as fishing, golf, boating, tennis, surfing with one other person or household members, provided 1.5 metre distance can be maintained. • Outdoor sporting facilities: closed, except for facilities where public gathering and physical distancing limits can be adhered to and there is no use of shared equipment or communal facilities (e.g. tennis courts, golf courses). • Swimming pools: closed. • Playcentres: closed. • Playgrounds: closed.
Shopping, retail and personal services	<p>Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurants and cafes: take away and delivery only. • Pubs, bars, clubs, nightclubs: closed, bottle shop and take away only. • Food courts: closed. • Beauty and personal care services: closed, apart from hairdressers. • Saunas and bathhouses: closed. • Auction houses: operate remotely. • Real estate auctions and inspections: operate remotely, and inspections by appointment. • Markets stalls: stalls can operate for provision of take away food and drink only. • Markets and shopping centres: open, subject to density quotient, but people can only visit for necessary goods and services. • Other retail: open, subject to density quotient, but people can only visit for necessary goods and services.
Entertainment	<p>Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Libraries and community venues: only to host an essential public support service, or a wedding or funeral . • Galleries, museums, zoos: closed. • Outdoor amusement parks and arcades: closed. • Indoor cinemas: closed. • Drive-in cinemas: closed. • Concert venues, theatres, auditoriums: closed. • Arenas and stadiums: closed. • Casinos and gaming: closed. • Brothels, strip clubs and sex on premise venues: closed.
Ceremonies	<p>Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious ceremonies and private worship: broadcast only. • Weddings: up to 5 people (couple, two witnesses and celebrant) . • Funerals: up to 10 people, plus those conducting the funeral. <p>Attending a wedding or funeral is a permitted reason to leave home. Attending a funeral is a permitted reason to enter metropolitan Melbourne.</p>
Travel	<p>Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel within regional Victoria: allowed for work, education (if necessary), necessary good and services and care/compassionate purposes only. • Holiday accommodation and camping: closed except for residents, emergency accommodation, or work purposes. • Second place of residence – You cannot visit second place of residence with limited exceptions (e.g. emergency or maintenance; shared custody; to stay with intimate partner who does not live with you).

CANBERRA'S RECOVERY PLAN

COVID-19 Easing of Restrictions Roadmap as at 06 August 2020



State & Territory Statements on Roadmaps Out: Easing Restrictions

<p>New South Wales</p>	<p>6 August – All Victorians who enter NSW will be put in mandatory hotel quarantine for 14 days, at their own expense. The new laws will come into effect from 12.01am on Friday 7th August.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who live in border communities will be excluded. There is no change to current arrangements there. • All other NSW residents coming back to the state from Victoria must return through Sydney Airport and spend two weeks in hotel quarantine. <p>2 August – NSW Premier urged residents to wear masks when in crowded areas such as on public transport, shops, supermarkets, places of worship and areas with a high number of COVID community transmission cases. This is not compulsory but a strong recommendation from NSW Health. Hospitality staff and other workers who have regular customer contact should also wear masks. While not mandatory, businesses are able to enforce masks to customers as a condition of entry. The NSW Premier says those in the coronavirus age risk group or with underlying illnesses or health conditions should consider wearing masks at all times.</p> <p>29 July – Gyms and fitness centres face new restrictions to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in NSW, including that they must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • register and have a <u>COVID Safety Plan</u> • have a dedicated COVID-19 hygiene marshal on duty at all times <p>22 July – The NSW Government has temporarily closed the NSW-Victoria border. Only persons authorised under the <u>public health order</u> may enter NSW if they have been in Victoria in the last 14 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seasonal workers from Victoria will no longer be permitted entry into NSW from 22 July. • All critical service providers (except freight) will be required to self-isolate except when providing the critical service. The self-isolation period is for 14 days from when someone enters NSW from Victoria. • Critical services will include dental and veterinary care, as well as persons involved in environmental cleaning and disinfection in a workplace or other non-residential premises to prevent the spread of COVID-19. <p>17 July – From 12.01 am on Friday 17 July,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current restrictions on businesses: All businesses can now open and operate under the one person per 4 square metre rule. Under the rules, employers must allow employees to work from home where it is reasonably practical to do so. For some types of businesses, you are required to have a COVID-19 Safety Plan. A COVID-19 Safety plan is recommended for other types of businesses. • pubs (premises licensed under the Liquor Act 2007) restaurants, bars cafés and clubs will have to comply with COVID-19 safety measures and restrictions on group bookings and venue capacity. From Saturday 18 July, all pubs must ensure their COVID Safety Plan is registered with the NSW Government. • Up to 20 visitors may visit another household at any one time. The total number of visitors includes adults and children.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than 20 people are allowed to gather outside in a public place. • Weddings and corporate events will be limited to 150 people subject to the four square metre rule and registration as a COVID-Safe business. • Community sporting activities, including training sessions and contact activities, may recommence. A maximum of 20 people per class applies to gym and recreation classes such as yoga, tai chi and pilates. For community sporting activities that involve more than 20 participants, the organiser must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan. <p>14 July – The Premier announced a fresh round of restrictions on pubs in NSW. The new measures include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the number of people per booking or table will be reduced from 20 people to 10 ○ a cap of 300 people in a venue at any one time ○ compulsory COVID-Safe registration through Service NSW ○ a dedicated COVID Safe Hygiene Marshall in distinctive clothing must oversee social distancing, cleaning and hygiene at the venue ○ large hotels with a capacity of greater than 250 people are to have a COVID Safe Hygiene Marshall on duty whenever the hotel is open ○ smaller hotels with a capacity of less than 250 are to have a COVID Safe Hygiene Marshall employed in peak periods (lunch 12pm to 3pm and dinner 5pm to 9pm) ○ paper sign-in will still be permitted, but hotels must create a digital record of patron names and phone numbers (excel or word) to be submitted within 24 hours ○ ensure all patrons provide their name and contact details accurately ○ encouraged to strongly promote QR code sign-in. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 July – From 11:59pm 7 July, NSW has temporarily closed its border with VIC. There will be exemptions in place for border communities. • Premier has asked NSW residents in border communities not to travel to other parts of NSW unless absolutely necessary. • 1 July – Any resident from the 10 Victorian affected postcodes is banned from NSW, and will face jail time/ \$11,000 fine. • 16 June – From 1st July: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The number of people allowed inside indoor venues will be determined by the 'one person per 4 square metre' rule, with no upper limit. This includes function centres. All activity must be seated only. ○ Cultural and sporting events at outdoor venues with a maximum capacity of 40,000 will be allowed up to 25 percent of their normal capacity. Events must be ticketed and seated and follow strict guidelines. ○ On compassionate grounds, restrictions on funerals will immediately be eased to allow the four square metre rule to apply. ○ All other restrictions including 20 guests inside the home and 20 for outside gatherings remain the same.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised public transport numbers from 1st July: capacity on all modes of transport can now be increased in a COVID safe way. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A Waratah train will now be able to carry 68 customers per carriage, up from 32, a typical two-door bus will be able to carry 23 customers, up from 12 and a Freshwater ferry will be able to carry 450 customers, up from 245. ○ Passengers still need to leave a space or an empty seat between themselves and other customers and continue to find green dots for the safest places to sit and stand. • 11 June - The NSW Government has announced further restriction easing from the 13 June, with food courts allowed to reopen, the number of people allowed to visit homes increased from 5 to 20 and the number of people allowed to gather outdoor increased from 10 to 20. • The NSW Government will allow corporate boxes to view the NRL to reopen, allowing up to 50 people per box subject the 4 sq m rule. • 9 June - The NSW Government has launched a COVID Safe Check for businesses, which allows them to test and promote their COVID Safe credentials. Find it here. • The NSW Government will allow pubs, clubs, cafes and restaurants to have up to 50 customers, subject to a one person per four square metre rule, and with strict social distancing guidelines from 1 June 2020. All customers must be seated and no bookings of more than 10 allowed. • From Monday 1 June 2020, the following will be allowed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ travel to regional NSW for a holiday ○ visits to museums, galleries and libraries ○ pubs, clubs, cafes and restaurants can have up to 50 customers per separated food and drink area ○ beauty and nail salon operators can begin treatments under strict COVID-safe guidelines. ○ zoos, aquariums and reptile parks may reopen ○ caravan parks and camping grounds may reopen • 20 May – Museums, galleries and libraries across NSW will be allowed to reopen subject to various requirements such as no group tours. • Travel restrictions within NSW will be lifted from the 1 June 2020. • 10 May – From Friday 15 May, the following will be allowed in NSW, in addition to measures already announced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people ○ Cafes and restaurants can seat 10 patrons at any one time ○ Up to 5 visitors to a household at any one time ○ Weddings up to 10 guests ○ Indoor funerals up to 20 mourners, outdoor funerals up to 30 ○ Religious gatherings/places of worship up to 10 worshippers ○ Use of outdoor equipment with caution ○ Outdoor pools open with restrictions • 28 April- There is no limit for how far you can travel within NSW so long as you respect the rules and the reason is consistent with one of the four categories for leaving home.
Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 August - The border with New South Wales will close. As of 1am, Saturday August 8, all visitors will be denied entry except for rare

	<p>exemptions, and returning Queenslanders will have to pay for 14 days mandatory hotel quarantine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Queensland’s Chief Health Officer has declared all of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory as hotspots. ○ Only residents of border communities and essential workers, such as truck drivers, will be able to cross the border. ○ Exemptions – including for compassionate reasons - will be limited. Passes for border communities will be for those with proof of address and photo ID. ○ The Premier said the border closure would be reviewed at the end of the month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 August – the next several days will determine whether there had been any widespread community transmission, after the state’s south-east was put on high alert last week. ● 2 August - Hundreds of aged care facilities in Brisbane City, Ipswich City, Logan City, Redland City, Gold Coast City and Scenic Rim have been placed under lockdown from 2 August 12pm, following the cluster of COVID-19 cases in Brisbane’s south. ● 29 July – From 1am Saturday 1 August, QLD will close its borders to Greater Sydney. Non-residents who have been in those 34 NSW areas or in Victoria in the past 14 days are not permitted to enter the state. ● 15 July – New border passes needed as of today due to two additional hotspots added to declaration form (Liverpool and Campbelltown, NSW). Returning Queenslanders from these areas will need to quarantine for 14 days. ● 9 July – From 10 July, noon, visitors from Victoria may no longer gain access or be able to quarantine in QLD. ● Interstate travellers who develop COVID-19 symptoms while in Queensland must be tested or face a \$4,004 fine. ● 3 July- Stage 3 restrictions have been brought forward from 10 July. ● Private gatherings up from 20 to 100 people in homes; ● Wedding attendance increases from 20 to 100 (and the reception size increases too); ● Contact indoor and outdoor community sport starts with an approved plan; ● More events, with events of more than 10,000 people requiring a COVID Safe Event Plan approved by the Chief Health Officer; and ● Additional venues such as casinos and food courts to reopen. ● The four square metre rule per customer applies across the board with no ceiling, and no need to divide customers into smaller groups. ● In line with National Cabinet, for small businesses the 4 sq m rule will be relaxed, allowing up to 50 customers for a venue below 200 sq m in size, provided they keep a register of customers. Patrons will also be able to go up to the bar to collect food. ● From 3 July - anyone who had travelled from Victoria – including Queenslanders - would be prevented from entering Queensland unless they quarantined at a hotel at their own expense for two weeks. ● 30 June - The Queensland border will be lifted on 10 July 2020 for all states/ territories apart from VIC.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal biosecurity laws will be lifted from Queensland’s remote Indigenous communities from midnight on June 12. Blanket travel restrictions will be replaced with new sets of rules specific to each area, which can be altered by the state’s Chief Medical Officer. Recognising that some areas want to remain off-limits to outsiders while other want to welcome tourists. • 1 June – Stage 2 restrictions commenced. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Funerals (max 100 people) ○ Unlimited travel and overnight stays for all of Queensland (including for school holidays) ○ Dining in or seated drinks in restaurants, cafés, pubs, registered or licensed clubs, RSL Clubs, hotels and casinos (no gaming) – up to 20 patrons per room or per defined area (indoors or outdoors) for a venue (when following a COVID SAFE Industry Plan) ○ Gatherings of up to 20 people allowed for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ homes (including the household) ▪ public spaces and lagoons* (e.g. South Bank Parklands, Cairns, Airlie Beach etc) ▪ non-contact indoor and outdoor community sport* ▪ personal training ▪ gyms*, health clubs* and yoga studios* ▪ pools* (indoor and outdoor) and community sports clubs* ▪ museums*, art galleries* and historic sites* ▪ weddings ▪ parks, playground equipment, skate parks and outdoor gyms ▪ libraries* ▪ hiking, camping and other recreational activities in national and state parks ▪ places of worship* and religious and civil ceremonies ○ Retail shopping ○ Tourism accommodation ○ 20 people permitted at any one time for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ indoor cinemas* ▪ open homes* and auctions* ▪ outdoor amusement parks*, tourism experiences*, zoos* and arcades* ▪ concert venues*, theatres*, arenas*, auditoriums* and stadiums* ▪ beauty therapy, nail salons, tanning, tattoo parlours and spas (with COVID SAFE Checklist). • The Premier announced that interstate borders will be reviewed at the end of the June. • 30 May - Government has updated the Roadmap, including further relaxing restrictions on intrastate travel and increasing capacities for hospitality businesses. Including removing stage 2 exceptions for the ‘outback’
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 May – If businesses establish COVID Safe plans, the number of patrons allowed in stage 2 (20 people) could be increased. • 8 May – More COVID-19 restrictions will ease from next weekend, with two more stages to follow in June and July (<i>see Roadmap</i>). • 26 April- The QLD Government has announced some relief to the stay at home COVID-19 restrictions. From May 1, residents can go for a drive, ride a motorbike, jet ski or boat for pleasure, have a picnic, visit national parks and shop for non-essential items. However, this is subject to the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing and hygiene are maintained • You have to stay within 50km from your home • Outings are limited to members of the same household or an individual and one friend.
Tasmania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 August - Tasmania's state borders, which were to reopen to selected states this week, will remain closed in light of the ongoing coronavirus on the mainland. The state will be closed to all until at least August 31. • 3 August – Tasmania's state borders, which were to reopen to selected states this week, will remain closed in light of the ongoing coronavirus on the mainland, Premier Peter Gutwein has announced. Mr Gutwein said the state will be closed to all until at least August 31. • 24 July – Tasmania border will open to SA, NT and WA on 7 August 2020. Premier to provide an update on 7 August on possible timeframes and dates to relax restrictions with QLD, NSW and the ACT, based on public health advice and the situation in those states and territories. Border will not be open to these states before the 14th of August. • Tasmanian border will open for all states and territories apart from VIC on 31 July 2020, this decision is contingent on conditions at the time. • TAS state of emergency extended until 31 August. • From 11:59pm 9 July, Victorians and anyone who is not a Tasmania resident who has spent time in VIC in the 14 days prior to travel will not be permitted to enter TAS. Some exemptions will apply. • 26 June - Businesses permitted to reopen from 12pm Friday 26 June 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indoor amusement parks, play centres, arcades ○ Saunas, spa baths, flotation tanks and bath houses ○ Garage sales, car boot sales, second-hand goods sales ○ Strip clubs ○ Casinos and gaming venues ○ Indoor zoos (in addition to predominately outdoor zoos) ○ Stadiums ○ Markets and food vans at markets ○ Provision of services to a person by a sex worker, within the meaning of the Sex Industry Offences Act 2005 ○ Food courts (will include dine-in) ○ Night clubs ○ Patrons must be seated in premises where alcohol is sold, meaning activities that are not seated (eg pool, dancing) are not permitted. ○ Sporting facilities must continue to have a staff member or other authorised person on the premises while open.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From 12pm Friday 26 June 2020, the number of people permitted at businesses/activities (other than households) will be determined by gathering limits, where the maximum density limit permits. ○ Gathering limits will be 500 people in an undivided space outdoors and 250 people for an undivided space in an indoor premises. The maximum density limit will be one person per 2 square metres. ○ Where the number of people permitted according to the density limit is less than the gathering limit, the lower number applies. ○ Where practicable, business operators, staff, volunteers and attendees should maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from other people. ● 17 June – Gatherings increase to up to 80 people at a time for indoor and outdoor, with physical distancing of 1.5 metres (where practicable) and a maximum of one person per 4 square metres. Gatherings at households increase to up to 20 people at any one time, not including residents of the household. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Business restrictions: Gatherings increase to up to 80 people at a time for indoor and outdoor, with physical distancing of 1.5 metres (where practicable) and a maximum of one person per 4 square metres. ○ Sport, exercise and recreation gatherings have increased to 80 attendees for: Outdoor park exercise equipment, Skate parks, Playgrounds. ○ Gatherings remain at 20 for: Indoor and outdoor pools (20 people per pool), Outdoor exercise and boot camps (groups of up to 20 people), Indoor sporting and gym facilities (20 people per separate room or studio, up to a maximum of 80 attendees within each distinct building on the premises at any one time). ● 16 June – The Director of Public Health issued a new Public Health Direction on minimum standards businesses need to meet to manage the risk of COVID19 spreading. ● 13 June – Racing resumes ● 5 June – Details of stage 2 restriction easing has been released, find the list here. Included in this stage is allowing 80 attendees at museums, national institutions, historic sites and galleries and easing intrastate travel restrictions for the Bass Strait Islands. ● 2 June – Stage 2 restrictions are being brought forward to Friday 5 June. Included in this restriction easing is that restaurants, cafes and pubs can provide table service for up to 40 patrons. All other establishments like museums, galleries, cinemas, concert venues etc may only open for 20 people.
South Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 August – As of midnight tomorrow night, reducing the number of people who can be at home gatherings from 50 down to 10. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In addition to that, as of midnight tomorrow night, moving to restrict the consumption in licensed premises from the current regime to only have seated consumption. ○ On high alert in South Australia and the Government is looking very closely at the density arrangements for licensed venues. We don't have anything to announce today but we are going to be

	<p>looking at this very carefully. Will also be looking at the numbers who attend football matches and fitness studios.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 July – New border restrictions came into force at midnight in South Australia with the intention of protecting that state from rising levels of coronavirus across the border in Victoria. Now, only essential workers are able enter SA from Victoria. • The SA border is currently open to TAS, QLD, WA and NT. The border was scheduled to open for ACT, NSW and VIC on the 20 July, however, the Premier has axed those plans due to the recent outbreak in VIC and subsequent transmission in NSW and ACT. • Visitors travelling from VIC may no longer gain access or quarantine in SA, except for SA residents. • 23 June – From Monday 29th June – Instead of having a maximum of one person for every 4sq m, venues of almost all kinds will be allowed one every 2sq m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Step 3 will be a simplified principle-based approach, except for some high-risk activities. ○ Social distancing requirements will be reduced to one person per two square metres. All businesses, activities and gatherings allowed under Step 3 are yet to be confirmed. ○ Businesses and defined public activities with an existing COVIDSafe Plan do not need to complete a new plan and will be emailed an updated version of their existing plan before 29 June. ○ Businesses and defined public activities that do not have a COVIDSafe Plan must complete a plan before they can commence. A new plan will be available on the COVID-19 SA website later this week. • 19 June – Public gatherings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From 19 June, density requirements will remain in place but more people may gather. ○ A maximum of 300 people may gather at a venue. ○ Any separate room or area may have a maximum of 75 people (subject to the 1 person per 4 square metre rule). ○ Physical distancing measures should still be followed. Aim to keep 1.5 metres away from other members of the public. <p>Business restrictions: The Public Activities direction places conditions on businesses that conduct a number <i>Defined public activities</i>. See Activities and gatherings for the list of Defined public activities, exclusions and restrictions.</p> <p>Not all businesses will need to complete a revised COVID-Safe Plan for Step 2 Plus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SA Premier said all SA border restrictions will be lifted on July 20. • Stage three restrictions will be moved forward again, to June 29 from July 3. The cap on people per room will be lifted from 20, to enable as many people in a venue as can be hosted within a one person per four-square-metre limit. • As of next Friday 19th June, there will be a mini-relaxation of restrictions. Increasing the 20 person room limit to 75 and moving from a total venue of 80 up to 300.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SA Premier is allowing 2,000 supporters to watch the AFL match live, with an additional 240 allowed in corporate boxes. • Stage two brought forward to Monday, June 1st – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cinemas, theatres, galleries, museums, beauty salons, gyms and indoor fitness centres across SA will be able to open from next Monday. ○ Those venues, along with pubs, bars, restaurants and cafes, will be able to admit up to 80 patrons, provided they can contain them to groups of 20 in discrete rooms or areas within the business. ○ Pubs will be able to serve alcohol without food but only to seated patrons. ○ Rules allowing one person per four square metres, and 1.5-metre social distancing, will remain in place. ○ Up to 50 mourners will be allowed at funerals, while businesses will be required to complete COVID-19 plans and produce them on request. • 15 May 2020- On the 18th of May, SA national parks and reserves re-opened – coinciding with the removal of restrictions on regional travel in SA. • See Roadmap
Western Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th August- Phase five had been due to begin on August 15 and would have seen remaining restrictions removed, except WA's hard border and access to remote Aboriginal communities. Phase five has been delayed until at least August 29. • Phase 5 has been delayed until 15 August, subject to further changes depending on conditions at the time. • 10 July – Delay to Phase 5 announced. Tentative date is now 1st August, in this phase the 2 sq m rule will be removed. • From midnight 9 July, no traveller apart from residents will be allowed to enter WA if they have spent time in VIC over the past 14 days. • The Premier has announced that Phase 6 (intended to include the removal of WA hard border restrictions) is being reconsidered given the outbreak in VIC. • July 18 - Depending on infection rates locally, Phase 5 is planned to be introduced on Saturday, July 18 and will result in the removal of the 2sqm rule. It is also expected to see the removal of all gathering restrictions, other COVID-related rules introduced by the State Government and the 50 per cent capacity limit for major venues. • Phase 6 was going to include the removal of WA's hard border with the rest of the country and travel restrictions currently in place for remote Aboriginal communities. • A tentative date for the removal of WA's hard border was planned to be included as part of Phase 6, however this was put on hold due to the rapidly evolving situation in Victoria. • 22 June – Phase 4 of the WA roadmap to relax COVID-restrictions further starts Saturday, June 27. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All existing gathering limits and the 100/300 rule removed; ○ Gathering limits now only determined by WA's reduced 2sqm rule;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The 2sqm rule will include staff only at venues that hold more than 500 patrons; ○ Removal of seated service requirements at food businesses and licensed premises; ○ No requirement to maintain patron register at food businesses and licensed premises; ○ Alcohol can be served as part of unseated service arrangements; ○ All events permitted except for large scale, multi-stage music festivals; ○ Unseated performances permitted at venues such as concert halls, live music venues, bars, pubs and nightclubs; ○ Gyms operating unstaffed, but regular cleaning must be maintained; and ○ The casino gaming floor reopening under agreed temporary restrictions. ○ For WA's major sport and entertainment venues, a 50 per cent capacity rule will apply. Therefore, under Phase 4 the temporary capacity of Optus Stadium will be 30,633 for sport events (35,000 for concerts), HBF Park can hold 10,150 (16,500 for concerts) and RAC Arena can hold 7,150 (8,250 for concerts). ○ WA businesses will be expected to ensure their COVID Safety Plans are updated and continue to be implemented. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phase 3 of WA's roadmap to ease COVID-19 restrictions will commence Saturday 6 June. See roadmap for full list of announcements. Worth noting is that WA is the first state to remove 4 sq m rule, replacing it with 2 sq m for outdoor and indoor venues. ● Effective from Friday the 29 May, WA's regional travel restrictions will be eased. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From Friday, travel around WA will be permitted everywhere except the areas bounded by the Commonwealth by security determination and 274 remote Aboriginal communities. The exemptions to visit the Kimberley region, parts of the East Pilbara and the remote Aboriginal communities will still be in place until June 5. ● 29 April 2020- WA's hospitality industry is being prepared for a return to business with the launch of a mandatory COVID-19 hygiene training program to protect the public and venue staff. State Government program to be delivered by the Australian Hotels Association (WA). ● 26 April – The WA Government has announced easing to COVID-19 restrictions - See Roadmap
ACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6 August –Some remaining businesses and activities can recommence under strict COVID guidelines from 9:00am Monday 10 August. However, there are other elements of the ACT's easing of restrictions roadmap that will not be implemented at this time. See Roadmap above. There are further steps in our recovery plan, such as capacity limits for smaller venues, that will be assessed again in a fortnight. ● 2 August – ACT Government will ask Canberrans to wear face masks if case numbers return to the territory or surrounding region. Travel to Greater Sydney should be avoided unless absolutely necessary. ● 23 July – ACT will not move forward with the implementation of stage 3 restrictions in the ACT for a further two weeks. The current

	<p>restrictions as outlined in the ACT's Easing of Restrictions roadmap will stay in place and will be assessed on a weekly basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 July - Anyone (other than ACT residents) travelling into the ACT from Victoria will be denied entry unless they are granted an exemption. ACT residents will be able to return home, but they will be required to enter quarantine until 14 days after leaving Victoria, and must notify ACT Health of their intention to return. ● 6 July – ACT/ VIC border closed from midnight 8 July. ● 19 June – From 12 noon today, new Public Health Directions have come into effect to move to Step 2.2 of Canberra's Recovery Plan for easing of COVID-19 restrictions in the ACT. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is no limit on household visitation. ○ Public gatherings can be a maximum of 100 people (including staff, trainers and spectators), with one person per 4 square metres in both indoor and outdoor spaces. ○ Many businesses can now operate with some restrictions, the latest advice is available at the Business Hub. ○ Retail shops, restaurants and cafés, pubs and clubs, cultural institutions, entertainment venues, and personal services (hairdressers, beauty salons, therapeutic massage) can open. ○ Sports and fitness activities are also permitted, with gyms now open and community sports allowed within group limits. ○ Domestic travel to and from the ACT is not restricted - if leaving the ACT be sure to follow the rules in the jurisdiction you are in. ● 26 May – The ACT Government has announced easing to COVID-19 restrictions - See Roadmap ● The Government has released COVID and capacity requirements for various sectors, including hospitality, personal service industries, fitness industry, community sport, tourism venues and community and cultural activities. For example, if businesses in the hospitality industry can adhere to restrictions on multiple enclosed spaces and outdoor spaces, they may be able to host more than 150 patrons. Find more here. ● 20 May- The ACT will start stage 2 restriction easing on the 29 May from midnight. ● Public schools will return to on-campus learning in stages over the coming four weeks from Monday 18 May (week three of term 2) to Tuesday 2 June (week 6 of term 2). ● Re-opening of libraries (from Monday 18 May), with a one person per 4 square metre rule in place. ● On Friday 15 May 2020, COVID-19 restrictions in the ACT will ease further. Key changes that will take effect include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ lifting restrictions on cafes and restaurants (including pubs and clubs offering seated in-house dining) – allowing these venues to seat up to 10 patrons at one time if they can follow physical distancing. ○ re-opening a number of public places across the city, including playgrounds and outdoor fitness areas, dog parks, skate parks and BBQ areas. ○ re-opening of community centres, community facilities or youth centres, with a maximum of 10 people (but not for indoor sport).
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ re-opening of parks and nature reserves (Namadgi National Park remains closed). ○ re-opening of commercial pools, with a maximum of up to 10 people per pool and one swimmer per lane. ○ non-contact, outdoor community and social sport to restart with a maximum of 10 people. ○ Auction-houses can proceed with a maximum of 10 people. ○ hairdressers and barbers are obliged to seek and record customer details. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 11 May- The ACT Government has allowed restaurants and cafes to open for up to 10 patrons. ● 8 May- The ACT will implement its changes from 11.59pm on Friday, May 8. Gatherings will be restricted to 10 people — both indoor and outdoor. Exceptions will be in place where more than ten people reside within a household. There will also be an allowance for larger families to meet where on household visiting another household results in more than ten people in the premises. ● Weddings can now have 10 people in attendance, and funerals can have 20 inside or 30 outside. Churches may resume small services, boot camps can run in the park, and open houses and auctions can start again, too. ● Over the coming weeks and months, Canberrans can expect that the easing of restrictions will be done in a very gradual way. The ACT Government will be working through the measures outlined in step one of the Framework for a COVID Safe Australia endorsed by National Cabinet. ● 1 May- Residents can now leave their houses for non-essential shopping purposes. ● Restrictions on gatherings inside the family home will be relaxed to allow families to visit each other with two adults plus children able to visit outside of those who ordinarily live in a property.
Northern Territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 20 July – NT premier is looking very closely at the ACT as a COVID hotspot given its close proximity and travel between Canberra and Batemans Bay (which has been declared a COVID hotspot). ● 15 July - NT adds greater Sydney and Metropolitan Sydney to COVID hotspots. Travellers who have spent time in these hotspots must quarantine for 2 weeks. ● NT will open the border for all states/ territories on the 17 July, travellers from Victoria will not be allowed to enter the NT. ● NT has lifted hotel quarantining requirements, any resident may returning home may quarantine in their own residence. ● 5 June - In stage three you can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operate all licensed gaming activities including a TAB. ○ Resume officiating, participating and supporting the playing of team sports such as football, basketball, soccer and netball. ○ Attend any cinema or theatre, concert hall, music hall, dance hall, nightclub or any other similar entertainment venue in approved configuration. ○ Attend an amusement venue. ○ Attend a bar without food being consumed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Operate and access all previously restricted services at a place that provides beauty therapy and/or cosmetic services including facial care. ○ Operate and access all previously restricted services at a place that provides tattooing or body art such as branding and piercing. ○ Attend an amusement park, community centre, recreation centre or play centre. ○ Attend an arena, stadium, sporting facility including community and sporting competitions with spectators in approved seating configuration. However, if above 500 people the event requires a separately approved COVID-19 Safety Plan. ○ All businesses, facilities and services previously restricted can now resume ensuring adherence to key principles. ● Major events will be approved on a case by case basis. ● The NT Government has confirmed that restrictions on travel within the NT will be lifted on June 5. The Biosecurity Act limiting travel to remote communities will be lifted 2 weeks ahead of schedule. ● 15 May – Stage two commenced at noon 15 May 2020. Activities included in step two should be undertaken in less than two hours. In stage two you can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Serve and consume food or beverages in a shopping centre food court. ○ Operate and attend restaurants, cafes. ○ Operate and attend a bar, sports or RSL club (alcohol allowed with the consumption of food), excluding gaming activities. ○ Participate in organised training activities for sporting clubs and teams. ○ Operate or attend an indoor market. ○ Operate or attend a beauty therapy salon for (non facial) services, such as nails, massage and tanning. ○ Operate or attend a studio that provides yoga, Pilates, Zumba, barre, dance classes. ○ Operate or attend physical training activities indoors such as Cross Fit. ○ Operate and attend a gymnasium. ○ Visit a public library or a toy library, or indoor playground. ○ Operate and attend a place used for religious worship. ○ Attend an art gallery, museum, public memorial, public historic site, zoo or wildlife facility. For more info, including frequently asked questions relating to the arts sector, screen industry and Museums and galleries go to the Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture website. ○ Territorians can enjoy our outdoor lifestyle in Parks and Reserves. Plan ahead and check what parks are open and the activities you can do there, including camping and swimming: Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture website. For information on national parks managed by Parks Australia, including Kakadu National Park and Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, go to the Australian Government's Parks Australia website. ● 30 April- The NT Chief Minister has laid out the <i>Territory's Roadmap</i> to the New Normal, detailing the pathway to removing restrictions.
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	<p>Stage 1 adjustments will commence from Friday 1 May. This includes adjustments to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Personal gatherings including outdoor weddings and funerals ○ Playgrounds, parks and campgrounds outside biosecurity areas ○ Public swimming pools, lagoons and water parks ○ Outdoor sports where physical distancing can be maintained ○ Open houses inspections and auctions ○ Gatherings in homes
Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 August – See table of stage 4 business restrictions on page 21. ● 2 August – The Premier has declared a State of Disaster (beginning 6pm 2 August) alongside the current State of Emergency. This will give the police additional powers to ensure residents are complying with restrictions. ● From 6pm Sunday 2 August 2020, Metropolitan Melbourne will enter Stage 4 Lockdown, for six weeks until 13 September 2020. Included in these new restrictions (see full details above in roadmap): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Curfew of 8pm to 5am, during these hours the only acceptable reason to leave home are work, medical care or care giving. ○ Exercise is limited to 1 hour and within 5km of your home ○ Group size is limited to 2, no matter if it's the same household or not. ○ Shopping is limited to 1 person per day, within 5 km of your home. ○ Essential businesses will remain open such as supermarkets and pharmacies. Restaurants and cafes may still be open for takeaway service only. ○ Recreational Activity is no longer allowed. ○ From 5 August 11:59pm Weddings are no longer allowed ● From 11:59pm Wednesday 5 August, Regional Victoria will enter Stage 3 – Stay at Home restrictions (see full details above in roadmap). ● 22 July – Restricted Activity Directions (Restricted Areas) (No 3) came into force at 11:59 pm on 22 July 2020 as well as Restricted Activity Directions (No 14). No 14 restricts the operation of certain businesses and undertakings in Victoria <u>other than</u> in Restricted Areas. The activities and orders are different – it is important you check as relevant to your area. ● 22 July - if you live in metropolitan Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire you must wear a mask when you leave home for one of the four reasons. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For people who live in other parts of Victoria, it is recommended you wear a mask when you leave home and are in situations where it is difficult to maintain 1.5 metres distance between yourself and others. ● 20 July – Victorian state school students from prep to year 10 in lockdown zones will return to remote learning from July 20 until at least August 19. ● 10 July - Premier Daniel Andrews confirmed 288 new cases of the novel coronavirus were recorded in Victoria on Thursday, marking the highest single-day total recorded in an Australian state since the pandemic emerged. The Victorian government is encouraging residents to wear masks when they cannot safely maintain social distancing such as in an

Uber, on a tram or in the supermarket. The state is ordering two million reusable masks and one million single-use masks.

- From 11:59pm **8 July** residents in **Melbourne and Mitchell Shire LGA** (see map [here](#)) are placed under **Stage 3 – Stay at Home** lockdown restrictions. This will be in place for 6 weeks (until 19 August).
 - Residents may only leave their homes for four reasons – food, medical purposes/ caregiving, work/ study and exercise.
 - No visitors at home
 - No more than two people (or household group) gathering in public
 - Residents cannot travel, if any residents are currently on holiday, they complete that holiday.
 - Residents may not visit a second residence outside restricted areas.
 - Businesses in these areas are restricted once again, with entertainment venues closed and cafes and restaurants only open for takeaway.
- Restrictions in Regional Victoria differ (see statement above)
- **30 June** - From **1 July** Midnight, postcodes (3038, 3064, 3047, 3060, 3012, 3032, 3055, 3042, 3021, 3046) linked to COVID outbreaks are placed under **Stage 3 Stay at Home restrictions until 29 July**.
- **22 June** – Change to restrictions due to spike in confirmed cases.
 - The number of visitors that you can have to your home has reduced to five visitors.
 - Outdoor gatherings have reduced to a maximum group of ten people.
 - Restaurants, pubs, auction halls, community halls, libraries, museums and places of worship remain at a maximum of 20 people in any one space until 12 July. Cafes, pubs, bars, clubs and nightclubs can provide alcohol without a meal when seated. Limits on patrons are in place to comply with the density requirements allowed within a single space – one customer per four square metres.
 - Businesses including gyms, cinemas, theatres and TABs can open, with a maximum of 20 people per space. Groups are limited to 10 people. Density requirements of one person per four square metres.
 - Travel: You are able to stay in a holiday home or private residence. You are also able to stay in tourist accommodation, including caravan parks and camping grounds. Tourist accommodation with shared and communal facilities such as kitchens and bathrooms will be open. The ski season will commence and accommodation in ski resorts will be open, subject to some restrictions.
 - Sport and exercise: Indoor sport and recreation activities can resume and playcentres can open, with a maximum of 20 people per space, and with up to 10 people per group class. There are no limits on the number of people per group or class if all participants are 18 years old or younger. Indoor and outdoor swimming pools can have a maximum of 20 patrons. There is no limit on the number of people per lane in each pool.

	<p>Change rooms and showers can open, and clubrooms at sport venues can have up to 20 people per indoor space. Contact sport training and competition can resume for people 18 years old or younger. Non-contact competitions can resume for all ages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work: Continue working from home. ○ Primary school and high school students have returned to face to face learning. ○ University, TAFE and adult education students should continue to learn from home if you can. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Extension of the Declaration of State of Emergency through to 11.59pm 19 July 2020 ● 31 May – The State of Emergency in Victoria will be extended for another 3 weeks (until 21 June 11:59pm). ● 29 May – The Premier asked all Victorians currently working from home, to continue working from home. The obligation for employers to keep staff working from home will now be included in the Chief Medical Officer's directions. ● From 22 June a further easing of restrictions is planned. ● From 1 June gradual easing of restrictions is planned for social events and ceremonies, fitness, sport and recreation, personal services, cafes and restaurants, travel and leisure, culture and entertainment. ● From 26 May schools gradually resume classroom learning. ● 11 May- From 11:59pm Tuesday 12 May, Victorians may now leave their home for a fifth reason: visiting friends and family – with a maximum gathering of up to ten outdoors and having up to five visitors in your home. Other changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weddings can now have 10 guests, Funerals can have 20 people if held indoors or up to 30 if held outdoors. ○ More outdoor recreation activities will be allowed: walking groups, fishing, hiking and golf.
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4. Definition of Vulnerable Groups - Federal statement

30 March 2020 - The National Cabinet has also endorsed the AHPPC advice on defining vulnerable people in the workplace, specifically that the following people are, or are likely to be, at higher risk of serious illness if infected:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 50 years and older with one or more chronic medical conditions
- People 65 years and older with chronic medical conditions. Conditions included in the definition of 'chronic medical conditions' will be refined as more evidence emerges.
- People 70 years and older
- People with [compromised immune systems](#)

Where vulnerable workers undertake essential work, a risk assessment must be undertaken. Where risk cannot be appropriately mitigated employers and employees should consider alternate arrangement to accommodate a workplace absence. Special provisions apply to essential workers who are at higher risk of serious illness, and where risk cannot be sufficiently mitigated, should not work in high risk settings.

5. Travel Restrictions

Federal statements

19 July – Overseas arrivals in Sydney will be capped at 350 passengers per day from 12.01am Monday 20 July after a new agreement was reached with the Commonwealth Government.

10 July - Caps on international passengers

Since 13 March 2020 more than 357,000 citizens and permanent residents have returned to Australia. In order to manage and maintain quarantine arrangements across the jurisdictions of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia, National Cabinet agreed to implement further caps on international arrivals, and an extension of current international passenger flight restrictions into Victoria.

From Monday 13 July, the following will apply:

- Perth - a cap of 525 international arrivals per week will apply.
- Brisbane - an overall cap of 500 international arrivals per week will apply.
- Sydney - a cap of 450 international arrivals per day will continue, as announced on 4 July with a view to further reductions in subsequent weeks.

Flexibility remains within these caps to as much as possible minimise disruptions to returning Australian citizens and permanent residents.

These arrangements will be subject to a review by the National Cabinet before the end of July. Restrictions on outbound travel by Australian citizens and permanent residents remain in place, in accordance with the health advice to the Government.

22 June 2020 – At a press statement this week Minister for Health Greg Hunt says borders will remain shut for a significant amount time. Trade Minister Simon Birmingham has also indicated it could be late next year before borders reopen fully.

5 June 2020 – Biosecurity (Human Biosecurity Emergency) (Human Coronavirus with Pandemic Potential) Declaration 2020 registered 5 June ending at the end of 17 September 2020. This declaration either bans or allows for international travel.

8 May 2020 – Australian governments are taking a measured approach. Our three-step plan provides a pathway for jurisdictions to move towards COVID safe communities in a way that best suits their individual circumstances. Step 3 will see a transition to COVID safe ways of living and working. International travel and mass gatherings over 100 people will remain restricted.

9 April 2020 the National Cabinet agreed all states and territories will implement a consistent and immediate exemption for non-cruise maritime crew to provide for the transiting to and from their places of work, within and across jurisdictions with agreed documentation.

National Cabinet noted that states and territories may adopt additional protocols in consultation with industry that creates protection for crews on board vessels, and will put in place appropriate penalties for companies and individuals that are found to be in breach of the requirements of the exemption which will be reviewed on 1 June 2020.

National Cabinet agreed to implement the revised advice from the AHPPC in relation to air crew quarantine exemptions. As a result, air crew on international flights will be required to self-isolate at their place of residence (or hotel if not in their local city) between flights or for 14 days, whichever is

shorter. Domestic air crew are exempt from self-isolation requirements except when a state or territory specifically prohibits entry.

30 March 2020 the National cabinet that aviation and maritime crew provide an essential ensuring that Australians can return home, and that essential movements of critical goods and supplies continue. National Cabinet re-confirmed that international flight crew and maritime crew are granted a concession from the mandatory 14 day quarantine requirements for individuals arriving in Australia.

National Cabinet also noted that state and territory governments can consider exceptional circumstance exemptions to the requirement to serve the mandatory 14 day self-isolation in a hotel or other facility, so as to enable vulnerable or at-risk individuals to self-isolate at home – including for minors or those with medical conditions, such as those returning to Australia from the Medical Treatment Overseas Program.

27 March 2020 the National Cabinet noted:

- The Commonwealth Government introduced stronger measures to restrict the movement of incoming travellers. As of Saturday 28 March 11:59, all travellers arriving in Australia will be required to undertake mandatory 14 day self-isolation at designated facilities such as a hotel at the city of entry. This will be implemented by State and Territory Governments with the help of the Australian Defence Force and Australian Border Force.

24 March 2020 the National Cabinet noted:

- The Commonwealth Government will implement a ‘**do not travel**’ ban on Australians travelling overseas under the Biosecurity Act 2015.
- Exemptions, which will be managed by the Australian Border Force, will apply to a range of categories of travellers, including for those citizens ordinarily resident overseas, where travel is essential or necessary, where travel is in our national interest, and on compassionate and humanitarian grounds.
- This prohibition is aligned with the Government’s decision to raise the Smartraveller Travel Advice to Level 4 - Do Not Travel overseas.

19th March 2020 the Prime Minister the Hon Scott Morrison announced:

- From 9pm on 20 March **Australia’s borders will be closed for all except for Australian citizens, residents and their immediate family members**
- Domestic air travel: Transmission of COVID-19 on planes is considered minimal, however, to minimise the spread of infection, all non-essential travel should be reconsidered.

States & Territories Domestic Travel Restrictions and Exemptions

New South Wales	<p>6 August – All Victorians who enter NSW will be put in mandatory hotel quarantine for 14 days, at their own expense. The new laws will come into effect from 12.01am on Friday 7th August.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People who live in border communities will be excluded. There is no change to current arrangements there. • All other NSW residents coming back to the state from Victoria must return through Sydney Airport and spend two weeks in hotel quarantine. <p>22 July – NSW has temporarily imposed border restrictions with Victoria. Only persons authorised under the public health order may enter NSW if they have been in Victoria in the last 14 days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seasonal workers from Victoria will no longer be permitted entry into NSW from 22 July.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All critical service providers (except freight) will be required to self-isolate except when providing the critical service. The self-isolation period is for 14 days from when someone enters NSW from Victoria. Critical services will include dental and veterinary care, as well as persons involved in environmental cleaning and disinfection in a workplace or other non-residential premises to prevent the spread of COVID-19. 6 July - The New South Wales/Victorian border closed at 11.59pm Tuesday 7th July. Returning NSW residents will be required to go into 14 days of self-isolation. There will be provisions in place for residents of border regions, such as Albury-Wodonga. Blockades stopping people going into NSW, but not stopping people from NSW going into Victoria. People who go into Victoria from NSW will need to apply for an exemption to come back into NSW. Exemptions apply, see specific exemption here. The permit is valid for 14 days from the date of issue and applies to all borders: land, air and sea, as well as river crossings. You won't be eligible for a permit if Victoria's current public health restrictions prevent you from travelling. Apply for a permit to enter NSW from Victoria here. 1 July – Any resident from the 10 Victorian affected postcodes is banned from NSW and will face jail time/ \$11,000 fine.
Victoria	<i>In line with federal restrictions</i>
Queensland	<p>5 August - The border with New South Wales will close. As of 1am, Saturday August 8, all visitors will be denied entry except for rare exemptions, and returning Queenslanders will have to pay for 14 days mandatory hotel quarantine.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queensland's Chief Health Officer has declared all of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory as hotspots. Only residents of border communities and essential workers, such as truck drivers, will be able to cross the border. Exemptions – including for compassionate reasons - will be limited. Passes for border communities will be for those with proof of address and photo ID. The Premier said the border closure would be reviewed at the end of the month. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queensland border will be open on 10 July to all states/ territories apart from VIC and Greater Sydney NSW provided travellers complete a border declaration stating they have not been to local government areas in Victoria in the previous 14 days. From 10 July, travelers from VIC will no longer be able to gain access or quarantine in QLD.
South Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Australia border open to WA, NT, TAS and QLD residents. Closed to ACT, NSW and VIC. From Midnight 8 July, only SA residents travelling from VIC will be allowed to quarantine in SA for 14 days. People not residing in South Australia who are returning from Victoria will not have that option available to them. People travelling from Victoria who meet the essential traveller criteria will be required to undertake quarantine activities when they're not undertaking those essential traveller duties that they have been permitted to travel into South Australia for.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-border communities will be restricted in the number of kilometres that they are able to travel when they come into South Australia as a cross-border traveller. • All roads into South Australia from the south-east will have stronger controls as of midnight 8th July. There will be static checkpoints on all roads, and some roads will be closed, with physical barriers in place. • NSW and ACT will still be able to travel to South Australia and undertake a 14-day quarantine period. Situation being monitored. • The goal is still to relax the border restrictions for the New South Wales and ACT communities on July 20. • The mandatory two-week quarantine has been waived for travellers from WA, Queensland, Tasmania and the Northern Territory.
Western Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From midnight 9 July, no traveller apart from WA residents will be allowed to enter WA if they have spent time in VIC over the past 14 days. • WA Government has put plans to consider lifting border restrictions in Phase 6 on hold. • As of 1.30pm (WST) Tuesday, March 24, anyone arriving in Western Australia will be required to self-isolate for 14 days. • Those travelling to Western Australia for essential business must complete a WA Border Arrivals Form. • Exemptions will apply to essential services and workers, including: National or State security officer or government employee, health services worker, emergency services worker, transport, freight and logistics worker, specialist skills worker and special exemptions will be granted when needed.
Tasmania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 August - Tasmania's state borders, which were to reopen to selected states this week, will remain closed in light of the ongoing coronavirus on the mainland. The state will be closed to all until at least August 31. • 8 July- today, due to the escalating situation in Victoria, we will not be opening our borders to Victoria on 24 July. From midnight tonight: Victorians and anyone that is not a Tasmanian resident who has spent time in Victoria in the 14 days prior to travel is not permitted to travel to Tasmania and will be turned back at their own expense in the event that they arrive in Tasmania. This applies unless they have pre-approval for travel as an essential traveller or for compassionate reasons. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This includes anyone transiting through Tullamarine Airport to Tasmania that leaves the airport, as they will be treated as having spent time in Victoria and will be turned back in the event that they arrive here. ○ Tasmanian residents who have spent time in Victoria in the 14 days prior to travel are able to return home to Tasmania but will be required to quarantine in a Government hotel for 14 days. This also includes fly in, fly out workers who have spent time in Victoria. ○ Tasmanians traveling from other jurisdictions who have transited through Tullamarine Airport and have not left that facility will be quarantined at home for 14 days and this will continue up until 24 July, subject to our border rules being reviewed. ○ Any other travellers, including Tasmanians who leave Tullamarine Airport while in transit, will be quarantined in Government hotels for 14 days. ○ TT Line passengers will be managed under the same rules.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Biosecurity officers will be present at Tasmania’s airports and seaports and a biosecurity officer will also be present at Tullamarine airport to provide advice and guidance. ○ Businesses and organisations seeking essential workers from Victoria will need to demonstrate that the expertise cannot be recruited from any other state in the country first before an exemption is considered. ○ While Victorians can apply for a compassionate exemption to travel to Tasmania, these exemptions are unlikely to be granted in the short term due to the rapidly changing circumstances in Victoria.
ACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● From midnight 8th July, the ACT border will be closed to all Victorians. ● ACT residents returning to Canberra from Victoria must complete 14 days of quarantine, starting from their date of departure. Any non-ACT residents from Victoria will not be allowed into the ACT without an exemption.
Northern Territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NT has declared Newcastle and Batemans Bay as COVID-19 hotspots. ● 15 July – NT adds greater Sydney and Metropolitan Sydney to COVID hotspots. Travellers who have spent time in these hotspots must quarantine for 2 weeks. ● Border closure will be lifted 17 July for all states/ territories, however travellers from COVID ‘hotspots’ in Victoria will not be allowed to enter the NT. ● Mandatory hotel quarantine restriction has been lifted, returning residents may self-isolate at their own residence.

6. Statements on Schools, Higher Education and TAFEs

Federal Statement

5 August – SUPPORT FOR VICTORIAN FAMILIES, CHILDCARE WORKERS AND SERVICES

From today, the Victorian Government's restrictions mean children, except for vulnerable children and those of permitted workers, in metropolitan Melbourne will no longer be able to attend childcare for six weeks.

To ease the burden, the Morrison Government will invest \$33 million so childcare services remain open for vulnerable families and permitted workers, while helping Victorian parents keep their child's enrolment while they must keep their child at home.

Melbourne families in Stage Four lockdown will receive an additional 30 days, or six weeks, of allowable absences from childcare. In conjunction with the gap fee waiver, families should not be charged fees for keeping their children at home so will not have to withdraw from the system.

By increasing the number of allowable absence days, the Government can continue to pay its contribution to services through the Child Care Subsidy (CCS), which can be up to 85 per cent of the total cost of care. This will guarantee revenue to childcare services through the Government's CCS contribution, even if children are not attending care.

To further assist services to keep workers employed, the Government will provide \$16.3 million to fund a higher Transition Payment of 30 per cent of pre-COVID revenue for Melbourne childcare services.

The Government will provide a further \$16 million to fund an additional top-up payment for eligible services that receive low CCS payments and are experiencing very low attendance.

For regional Victoria, that is now under Stage Three lockdown, the Government will provide an additional 30 absence days and extend the gap fee waiver and the Outside Hours School Care (OSHC) payment. The gap fee waiver for non-metropolitan Victorians will ensure that if a child is absent from care for COVID-related reasons, the childcare service can waive their gap fee. Which means fee relief for families and certainty they do not have to withdraw from care and lose their place.

OSHC services, in regional Victoria, will be paid 15 per cent of their revenue from 6 August, in addition to the 25 per cent Transition Payment and the Child Care Subsidy.

7 July - Federal Government will waive childcare payments from parents in lockdown areas if they no longer feel safe sending their child over the six-week period.

The lockdown in Melbourne won't delay pilot programs for the return of international students in the ACT and SA.

26 June 2020 – Comment on international students returning to campus at National Cabinet press statement: "We're still working on those issues with a number of states and territories and we've got some good plans there. But that won't happen until Australian students are back at universities," Mr Morrison said. "Australian students have to be back at universities first. The borders of the states where those campuses are need to be opened first. There are a range of prerequisites the states are well aware of and they need to be applied."

19 June 2020 – The Federal Government will incentivise students to make more job-relevant choices, that lead to more job-ready graduates by reducing the student contribution in areas of expected

employment growth and demand such as education and nursing. The Government will also provide 39,000 additional university places by 2023.

1 May 2020 - National Cabinet adopted the AHPPC statement on risk management for re-opening boarding schools and school-based residential colleges. The AHPPC has made a number of practical recommendations that these boarding schools and colleges should consider, including a reduction in the number of boarding students, staggered dining times and establishing procedures for quarantine.

28 April 2020- The Government has offered early independent schools early access to funding if they return to face-to-face teaching.

16 April 2020 – National Cabinet agreed with the AHPPC health advice that “on current evidence, schools can be fully open” along with the “practical guidance and advice” the AHPPC provided school leaders to even further reduce the “relatively low risk” of transmission in schools during the COVID-19 pandemic.

National Cabinet also agreed to a series of National Principles for School Education, as follows:

1. Our schools are critical to the delivery of high-quality education for students and to give our children the best possible start in life. Our education systems are based on the recognition that education is best delivered by professional teachers to students in the classroom on a school campus.
2. It is accepted that during the COVID-19 crisis, alternative flexible, remote delivery of education services may be needed
3. Our schools must be healthy and safe environments for students, teachers and other staff to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of education to students.
4. State and Territory Governments and non-government sector authorities are responsible for managing and making operational decisions for their school systems respectively, subject to compliance with relevant funding agreements with the Commonwealth.
5. Decisions regarding the response to COVID-19 in the schooling sector must continue to be informed by expert, official, national and state-based public health and education advice, consistent with these national principles.
6. All students must continue to be supported by their school to ensure participation in quality education during the COVID 19 crisis.
7. The health advice consistently provided by the AHPPC is that attendance at a school campus for education represents a very low health risk to students. The advice also notes that appropriate practices must be employed at schools, like at other workplaces, to provide a safe working environment for school staff, including teachers, and that the specific AHPPC advice regarding school campuses should be followed.

7 April 2020 – The Federal Education Minister announced that the Commonwealth and the States have agreed that all Year 12 students will finish high school this year and receive an ATAR university entrance rank. The Government will consult further on possible adjustments to this year’s ATAR scoring.

6 April 2020 – Federal and State Education Ministers will meet next on the 7th April to canvass further changes needed to the assessment for Year 12 students including extending the academic year, postponing final exams, boosting overall scores and changing the university application procedure.

30 March 2020 – Government have asked the AHPPC to develop guidelines about how staff in schools can protect themselves, manage social distance requirements and cater for those students who are at school. This will include guidelines for staff who work with vulnerable children, particularly

those who have additional needs. Government will continue to meet with education stakeholders and unions so that they can understand the education challenges for our communities and work constructively towards solutions. That will include the National Cabinet's consideration of the measures needed for early childhood settings and TAFE.

Higher Education

Universities around Australia are taking very different paths towards reopening their campuses. Some, such as the University of Technology, Sydney, and the University of New South Wales, are staying with a predominantly online approach for the second half of the year. Others, such as the Australian National University in Canberra and University of Newcastle, are preparing for a return to face-to-face teaching on campus next month, albeit mainly for smaller group teaching. Restriction easing allows for the return to classroom in Term 2 for all universities, subject to various social distancing rules.

Due to the outbreak of COVID in Victoria, some universities (ANU) are putting plans for international student pilots on hold.

State & Territory Statements- Schools

New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 July – Several Sydney government and Catholic schools and a preschool will be closed today because of confirmed or suspected coronavirus cases. There are more details on the NSW situation here. • 22 July – Boarding school and university students and staff who have been in Victoria in the last 14 days will need to self-isolate after entering NSW and obtain a negative COVID-19 swab between the 10th and 14th day of self-isolation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Government and non-government school, pre-school and childcare centre students and staff, as well as people engaged in work to provide services to such an institution, may cross the border to attend that institution, but are required to travel directly to and from the school/pre-school/childcare centre and comply with directions about school attendance made by the Department of Education. ○ These people will not be allowed to enter if they have been in a Victorian hot spot (currently being Greater Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire) in the last 14 days. • 19 May – Students across NSW will return to the classroom full-time from 25 May 2020
Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 August – From 5 August all students across Victoria will return to remote learning. Specialist schools will remain open, and students whose parents are working will have the option to attend school. Monday will be school as usual. Tuesday will be a pupil-free day. Wednesday will be home-based learning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 11 and 12 students will still receive an ATAR, the GAT test will be delayed however VCE exams will not be moved at this point. ○ Education Minister James Merlino said regional VCE students would be learning remotely in an attempt to provide a "level playing field" for end-of-year exams across the state. ○ The General Assessment Test (GAT), which is usually held at the end of Term 3, will now be moved to the start of Term 4.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mr Merlino said he wanted to assure students and families they would receive their ATAR score and VCE and VCAL certificates by the end of the year. ● 29 July – School and early childhood service, TAFE closures and relocations for Thursday 30 July 2020 - https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/closures.aspx ● 20 July – Victorian state school students from prep to year 10 in lockdown zones will return to remote learning from July 20 until at least August 19. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 11 and 12 students, year 10 students doing VCE subjects and children at specialist schools will resume face-to-face learning for term three from 14 July. ○ Children of essential workers and vulnerable children will have the option to return to school, as they did during the last lockdown. ○ This time, parents of children with a disability will also have the option of sending their kids to school for face-to-face learning when required. ● 30 June - based on the advice of the Chief Health Officer, we expect that schools will return as planned from 13 July. ● 9 June – All schools welcomed back years 3-10, which was the final group in the staged to return to school. ● 8 July – There will be five pupil-free days from 13 – 17 July for all schools in Melbourne and Mitchell Shire, except those enrolled in specialist schools, Year 11 and 12, Year 10 in a VCE study, for VCE lessons. These students will all attend on-site from Monday 13 July. ● A decision about returning to online learning for restricted areas has not been made yet. ● All students in regional Victoria will continue to learn on site.
Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 18 June – All boarding schools have returned for Term 3. ● 25 May – All students have returned to the classroom for Term 2.
South Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 18 June – Restrictions on a number of important school activities have been lifted, including school assemblies, intrastate school excursions, sport competitions etc. ● 1 May – Attendance in all schools has been steadily increasing, with 69% of all students learning on campus again.
Western Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8 June – Restrictions for public schools are lifted, such as school assemblies, school excursions and examinations etc. ● 14 May – All school students are required back from the 18th of May. Students who are medically vulnerable may continue to learn from home.
Tasmania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 June – All students have returned to learning at school. ● 8 May- Included in Tasmania’s roadmap, details the return to school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 25 May: K- Year 6, Year 11 and 12 return to learning at school ○ 9 June: Year 7-10 return to learning at school ● All Government schools will return on Tuesday the 28th April, except for Government and Catholic schools in the North West of Tasmania which must remain closed due to additional restrictions in this area. These schools will reopen on the 4th of May. These restrictions also extend to those who may live in the North West but attend an out of area school to learn or work.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Tasmanian Government has announced a New School Recommendation Program. This program will enable students to apply for most undergraduate courses at the University of Tasmania and be made an offer much earlier in the year based on the recommendation of their school. The criteria for the program will include factors such as students' Year 11 results, an assessment of their capabilities and the perspective of those who have taught them. This acknowledges that it is the teachers who know their students best and can assess their readiness for university.
ACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23 June – School restrictions eased, including school assemblies, overnight excursions and interschool sports etc. 28 April – All students to return to school for the start of Term 2.
Northern Territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minister for Education, Selena Uibo, has announced that all students are expected to physically attend school from the start of Term 2 (20th April). Exceptions can be made for parents who have informed the school their child will be learning from home.

State & Territory Statements- TAFEs

New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TAFE NSW has recommenced most training and educational programs through connected and blended delivery options. This may include modified face to face delivery where necessary and adequate social distancing measures can be implemented.
Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TAFE closures and relocations for Thursday 30 July 2020 - https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/closures.aspx All TAFEs and training organisations are encouraged to continue remote learning. However, if remote learning is not possible, best efforts to maintain physical distancing measures should be followed by staff and students for face-to-face training. VETiS will continue as normal at present, this includes RTOs.
Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TAFE Queensland education and training delivery will recommence from 20 April 2020. The majority of course will be delivered online. Limited face-to-face on-campus delivery will take place. Students required to complete a wellness check before being admitted to any campus-based activities, reduced class sizes, moving to bigger classrooms where possible etc.
South Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SA TAFE courses have resumed with additional hygiene measures in place to limit the spread of COVID, with courses being delivered in a number of ways including in-person and online where possible. 8 May- From SA Roadmap 11 May TAFEs can return to face-to-face tutorials
Western Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WA TAFE colleges have returned to in person delivery in line with WA Roadmap. Colleges are returning to normal arrangements wherever possible, with face-to-face delivery offered when adequate social distancing measures can be adhered to.
Tasmania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Courses are being delivered in the online environment or by distance learning. All students coming onto campus must complete a Campus Access Form when coming onto campus for scheduled applied learning in small groups, to use libraries or a pre-booked computer.
ACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CIT has commenced a stage return to campus from the 2 June. Priority has been given to students where access to CIT's campus-based resources is

	critical to achieving their course outcomes. Planning is underway for more students to be able to return to each of our campuses.
Northern Territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All VET courses will resume in Term 2. Courses run by Charles Darwin University in Darwin and Palmerston will resume in week 2 Term 2.

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