

THE DIRECTIONS IN THIS DOCUMENT APPLY TO VICTORIA ONLY.

Social distancing requirements remain in place to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres away from people who you do not ordinarily reside with.

It remains mandatory to carry a face covering at all times and wear a face mask while on public transport, in a commercial passenger vehicle, in an indoor retail shopping centre or retail facility with more than 2,000 sqm floorspace or at a market, unless an exemption applies.

References to **electronic record-keeping** refer to the records requirements under the Workplace Directions which states records must be maintained of all workers and visitors who attend a premises for longer than 15 minutes (at a minimum). The record must include:

1. The person's first name
2. The person's contact number
3. The date and time at which the person attended the premises; and
4. The areas of the premises attended.

Restrictions from 7 December 2020 to 3 January 2021

Community facilities ¹ - refer to Industry Restart Guidelines	
<p>Eg. community centre or community hall, public library (including toy library), youth centre, playground, skatepark or trampolining area in an outdoor space, outdoor communal exercise equipment³</p> <p>This would include Men's Sheds and Clubs</p> <p>and</p> <p>Essential support groups</p>	<p><i>Density quotient: 1 person per 2sqm²</i></p> <p>Permitted – Yes. With restrictions</p> <p>In each indoors and outdoor space⁵ at one time (excluding infants under one year of age):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if the operator uses electronic record-keeping number of persons permitted in each space, the density quotient;⁶ or • if electronic record keeping is not used, the density quotient is increased to 1 persons per 4 sqm.⁷ • With the Public Event Framework to apply where the event proposes to accommodate over 1000 persons.⁸ <p>Any dancefloor must only permit the lesser of 50 persons or a reduced density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm on the dancefloor at one time (excluding infants under 1 year of age)⁹</p>

¹ [Restricted Activity Directions \(Victoria\) \(No 3\)](#), Cl 7.

² [Restricted Activity Directions \(Victoria\) \(No 3\)](#), Cl 22(19) and [Workplace Directions \(No 12\)](#), Cl 6(13)-(14).

³ [Restricted Activity Directions \(Victoria\) \(No 3\)](#), Cl 7(2)

⁵ indoor space means an area, room or premises that is or are substantially enclosed by a roof and walls that are temporary (in a physical recreational facility, food and drink facility or creative arts facility only) or permanent structures rising either from floor to ceiling or are at least 2.1 metres high, regardless of whether the roof or walls or any part of them are open or closed, [Restricted Activity Directions \(Victoria\) \(No 2\)](#), Cl 20(33).;

⁶ [Restricted Activity Directions \(Victoria\) \(No 3\)](#), Cl 7(3)(b)(i).

⁷ [Restricted Activity Directions \(Victoria\) \(No 3\)](#), Cl 7(3)(b)(i).

⁸ [Restricted Activity Directions \(Victoria\) \(No 3\)](#), Cl 7(3)(b), Notes.

⁹ [Restricted Activity Directions \(Victoria\) \(No 3\)](#), Cl 18.

eg. for alcohol and drugs, family violence and parenting ⁴	Weddings and funerals must be compliant with the Stay Safe Directions (Vic)(No 4). ¹⁰ (see below) ¹¹
Essential support services ¹² eg. food banks, or services for homeless persons or providing an exclusive venue for the exclusive use of a single school for educational or school gathering purposes if family and friends of students are permitted to attend. ¹³	Permitted without further restriction where weddings and funerals at the premises are conducted in compliance with the Stay Safe Directions (Vic)(No 4). ¹⁴
Childcare facilities ¹⁵ Eg. childcare and early learning services ¹⁶	Permitted – Yes. Workplace Directions apply. A COVIDSafe Plan must be in place and be complied with by the employer and all workers . ¹⁷ Records must be maintained of all workers and visitors who attend the premises in accordance with the Workplace Directions records requirement. Records must also be kept to demonstrate compliance with the Workplace directions such as logs, rosters, attendance records and payroll data. ¹⁸
Playgroups	Permitted – Yes. Refer to general guidance above for community centres etc.
Ready Steady Go for Kids	Play centres are permitted to operate subject to the density quotient however where the maximum capacity is over 500 persons or more a COVIDSafe Plan must be published on the facility's website. ¹⁹
Tutoring organisations using church properties	Permitted – Yes. Workplace Directions apply. A COVIDSafe Plan must be in place and be complied with by the employer and all workers . ²⁰

⁴ See Restricted Activity Directions, Cl 9(2)(c).

¹⁰ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 7(3)(a).

¹¹ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 2), Cl 7(3)(f), [Stay Safe Directions \(Victoria\)\(No 2\)](#), Cl 7(3)

¹² Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 7(4)(a).

¹³ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 7(4)(b).

¹⁴ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 7(4).

¹⁵ Restricted Activity Directions, Cl 16(3).

¹⁶ Restricted Activity Directions, Cl 21(11). Further defined in Cl 21(12) as an onsite early childhood education or care service or children's service provide under the Education and Care Services National Law and the Education and Care services National Regulations, including long day care services, kindergarten or preschool and family day care services, but not including outside school hours care services; and the Children's Service Act 1996 including limited hours services, budget based funded services, occasional care services, early childhood intervention services, mobile services and school holiday programs.

¹⁷ Workplace Directions (No 12), Cl 6(3)-(4).

¹⁸ Workplace Directions (No 12), Cl 6(11).

¹⁹ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 5(5).

²⁰ Workplace Directions (No 12), Cl 6(3)-(4).

	<p>Records must be maintained of all workers and visitors who attend the premises in accordance with the Workplace Directions records requirement.</p> <p>Records must also be kept to demonstrate compliance with the Workplace directions such as logs, rosters, attendance records and payroll data.²¹</p>
Musical rehearsals and lessons	<p>Permitted – Yes. Refer to general guidance above for community centres etc.</p> <p>Government guidance still recommends that indoor venues should be well ventilated and that persons maintain a 2m distance from one another. It is also strongly recommended that a face mask is worn if a 1.5m distance cannot be maintained.</p>
Entertainment facilities ²² - Refer to Industry Restart Guidelines	<i>Density quotient: 1 person per 2sqm</i> ²³
Eg. theatre, cinema, musical/concert hall or auditorium, gallery, museum etc. ²⁴	<p>Permitted - Yes. With restrictions</p> <p>Seated (excluding music/concert halls or auditoriums):²⁵ the lesser of (excepting infants under one year of age):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% of the maximum seated space capacity; and • for each seated space at the facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ all activities are ticketed; and ○ the number of members of the public permitted in the seated in the seated space at any one time is limited to the lesser of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 75% of the maximum seated space capacity; and ▪ 1000; <p><i>*entry and egress from the seated or non-seated space must be monitored and staggered to ensure compliance with these limits</i></p> <p><u>and;</u> the number of members of the public permitted in the non-seated in the seated space at any one time is limited to the lesser of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ if the operator uses electronic record-keeping, the number permitted by density quotient; and ▪ if the operator does not use electronic record-keeping a reduced 1 person per 4 per sqm density quotient. <p>Non-seated indoor entertainment facility (gallery or museum):²⁶ the lesser of (excepting infants under one year of age):</p>

²¹ Workplace Directions (No 12), Cl 6(11).

²² Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 13.

²³ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 22(19) and [Workplace Directions \(No 12\)](#), Cl 6(13)-(14).

²⁴ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 8(2).

²⁵ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 8(3).

²⁶ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 8(5).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% of the maximum capacity for the facility states in the occupancy permit; and • 1000; • With the Public Event Framework to apply where the event proposes to accommodate over 1000 persons;²⁷and • The number of members of the public in any <u>non-seated indoor space</u> at one time is limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ if the operator uses electronic record-keeping, the number permitted by density quotient; and ○ if the operator does not use electronic record-keeping a reduced 1 person per 4 per sqm density quotient; and • The number of members of the public in any <u>seated indoor space</u> at one time is limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 75% of the maximum seated space capacity. <p>Non-seated <u>outdoor</u> entertainment facility (gallery or museum):²⁸ In each outdoor space, the lesser of (excepting infants under one year of age):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ if the operator uses electronic record-keeping, the number permitted by density quotient; and ○ if the operator does not use electronic record-keeping a reduced 1 person per 4 per sqm density quotient; and ○ The number of members of the public in any <u>seated space</u> at one time is limited to 75% of the maximum seated space capacity. <p><u>In all circumstances:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • where the facility has a maximum capacity under the Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria)(No 3) of 500 persons or more, a COVIDSafe Plan must be posted on the organisations website.²⁹ • The operator must also use all reasonable endeavours to implement relevant recommendations by the Victorian Government to manage public health risks arising out of the operation of the facility.³⁰ • Any dancefloor must only permit the lesser of 50 persons or a reduced density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm on the dancefloor at one time (excluding infants under 1 year of age)³¹
<p>Maintenance of church properties <i>Density quotient: 1 person per 2sqm</i></p>	
<p>Individuals and Working Bees</p>	<p>Permitted – Yes. Workplace Directions apply.</p> <p>A COVIDSafe Plan must be in place and be complied with by the employer/operator and all workers/volunteers.</p> <p>Records must be maintained of all workers and visitors who attend the premises in accordance with the Workplace Directions records requirement.</p> <p>Records must also be kept to demonstrate compliance with the Workplace directions such as logs, rosters, attendance records and payroll data.</p>

²⁷ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 8(5), Notes.

²⁸ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 8(7).

²⁹ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 8(3)(e), Cl 8(5)(d) and Cl 8(7)(c).

³⁰ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 8(3)(f), Cl 8(5)(e and Cl 8(7)(d).

³¹ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 18.

	<p>The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) considers that persons at higher risk of serious illness if infected with the virus should undertake essential work, an individual risk assessment must be undertaken and a COVIDSafe risk mitigation strategy implemented. See the current advice on the Department of Health website for further detail.</p>
<p>Places of Worship³² - refer to Govt FAQ Density quotient: 1 person per 2sqm</p>	
<p>Christmas Lunches</p>	<p>Food or drink can be served as part of a religious gathering or after a religious gathering.</p> <p>No sharing of food, drink, crockery, utensils, vessels or other equipment is permitted.³³</p> <p>Updated government guidance recommends recommended that one person serves or distributes food or drinks. For example, one person uses the urn for hot water for tea.</p>
<p>Religious Gatherings and Ceremonies Eg. Services, Mass, Eucharist, blessings</p>	<p>Permitted – Yes. With restrictions. <i>*Note: nothing in the Restricted Activity Directions is intended to prevent or otherwise affect the operation or use of a facility for emergency refuge, shelter or relief purposes in accordance with the emergency management arrangement under the Emergency Management Act 2013.</i>³⁴</p> <p>Indoor or Outdoor:³⁵ The lesser of (excluding infants under 1 year of age):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if the operator uses electronic record-keeping number of persons permitted in each space, the density quotient; or • if electronic record keeping is not used, the density quotient is increased to 1 persons per 4 sqm based on the total area of the indoor or outdoor space accessible to the public; where • th gathering or ceremony is conducted at either the place of worship or at an outdoor space proximate to the place of worship. <p>At places of worship no sharing of food, drink, crockery, utensils, vessels or other equipment permitted.³⁶ If work is being performed by volunteers at the premises it is permissible to provide food and drink to those volunteers however this must not be shared. Instead consider prepacked individual meals with disposable cutlery and bottled/canned beverages.</p> <p>Any dancefloor must only permit the lesser of 50 persons or a reduced density quotient of 1 person per 4sqm on the dancefloor at one time (excluding infants under 1 year of age)³⁷</p>

³² Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria)(No 3), Cl 9.

³³Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 9(2)(c).

³⁴ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 9(1), Notes and Cl 20.

³⁵Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 9(2).

³⁶Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 9(2)(c).

³⁷ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 18.

	<p><i>Note: Assembly guidelines on Holy Communion online during COVID have been extended by ASC to the end of June 2021. Holy Communion in person is possible with careful planning which maintains all the distancing, hygiene and no shared food requirements (for further info see recent eNews article by Rev Dr Sally Douglas)</i></p> <p>Singing and chanting can take place however the following measures are recommended by the current Government guidance (as at 8 December 2020):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • indoor venues should be well ventilated (eg. windows open) • persons maintain a 2m distance from one another; • short performances (less than an hour) • wearing a mask when singing indoors; • singing softly; • free standing or ceiling fans are not recommended; • performers should maintain a 5m distance from the audience.
Weddings (at places of worship)	<p>Permitted in accordance with Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria)(No 3) regarding Religious Gatherings and Ceremonies. No limit on group sizes.</p> <p>Records must be maintained of all workers and visitors who attend the premises in accordance with the Workplace Directions records requirement.³⁸</p>
Funerals	<p>Permitted in accordance with Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria)(No 3) regarding Religious Gatherings and Ceremonies. No limit on group sizes.</p> <p>Records must be maintained of all workers and visitors who attend the premises in accordance with the Workplace Directions records requirement..³⁹</p>
<p>Physical recreation facilities⁴⁰: refer to Industry Restart Guidelines</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Density quotient: 1 person per 4sqm⁴¹</i></p>	
<p>gymnasium, health club, fitness centre, yoga/pilates/barre/dance studio, spin facility, indoor basketball court, indoor climbing facility, squash court, table tennis centre</p> <p>This would include dance and martial arts classes and the like</p>	<p>Permitted – Yes. With restrictions</p> <p>Indoors: <i>Note: face covering recommended indoors and outdoors where social distancing cannot be maintained.⁴²</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Up to the</u> density quotient excluding infants under one year but including spectators (distancing continues to apply)⁴³ • Each group/class/session limited to the lesser of:

³⁸ Stay Safe Directions (Victoria)(No 4), Cl 7(4) and Workplace Directions (No 12), Cl 6(7).

³⁹ Stay Safe Directions (Victoria)(No 4), Cl 7(5) and Workplace Directions (No 12), Cl 6(7).

⁴⁰ Restricted Activity Directions, Cl 5(2), Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 2), Cl 5(2).).

⁴¹ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 5(3)(a).

⁴² <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/sport-and-exercise>

⁴³ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 5(3)(a).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the density quotient; and ○ 50 (not including infants under one year or carers)⁴⁴ ● COVID Marshal must be on-site if cardio or strength training is being performed (this may be the instructor)⁴⁵ ● Unstaffed cardio or strength training facilities limited to 1 person per 8sqm density quotient,⁴⁶ and must provide disinfectant and other cleaning products available.⁴⁷ <p>Outdoors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Permitted where all physical and recreation is conducted in an outdoor space,⁴⁸ and, a reasonable distance can be maintained between each group/class/session at all times.⁴⁹ ● Limit of the lesser of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the density quotient if the operator uses electronic record-keeping; or ○ the density quotient including spectators if the operator does not use electronic record keeping; and ○ 1000 (excluding infants under one year of age).⁵⁰ ● Each group/class/session limited to the lesser of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the density quotient (excluding infants under one year of age and carers); and ○ 100.⁵¹ <p>In all circumstances shared equipment to be cleaned between users⁵²</p> <p>Further, where the maximum capacity for the facility is 500 or more, a COVIDSafe Plan must be published in the facility's website.⁵³</p>
Play centres, and indoor skateparks and trampolining centres	Play centres are permitted to operate subject to the density quotient however where the maximum capacity is over 500 persons or more a COVIDSafe Plan must be published on the facility's website. ⁵⁴
Community sport ⁵⁵ : refer to Industry Restart Guidelines	<i>Density quotient: N/A</i>
	Permitted – Yes. With restrictions
	Indoors

⁴⁴Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 5(3)(b).

⁴⁵ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 5(3)(e)(ii).

⁴⁶ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 5(3)(e)(i)(B).

⁴⁷ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 5(3)(e)(iii).

⁴⁸ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 5(4)(a).

⁴⁹ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 5(4)(e).

⁵⁰ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 5(4)(b).

⁵¹ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 5(4)(d).

⁵² Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 5(3)(c) and 5(4)(f).

⁵³ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 5(3)(d) & Cl 5(4)(g).

⁵⁴ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 5(5).

⁵⁵ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 6.

- No more than 50 members of the public participate for individual events.⁵⁶

Outdoors:

- No more than 100 members of the public participate for individual events.⁵⁷

Eg. running and cycling are individual events

In all circumstances referees, trainers, carers, parents/guardians (and any child/dependent that are unable to make alternative care arrangements for) of persons with disability not considered 'participants'⁵⁸

⁵⁶ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 6(1)(a).

⁵⁷ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 6(1)(b).

⁵⁸ Restricted Activity Directions (Victoria) (No 3), Cl 6, Notes.