

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AND LOCKDOWNS ANNOUNCED ACROSS AUSTRALIA

Information as at Monday 28 June, 2021.

Current COVID-19 restrictions are in place across Australia, including most major cities. As this situation is developing rapidly, this information is current as of 10:30am on Monday 28 June 2021, however we will endeavour to update members as soon as possible if there are any changes.

Sydney Lockdown

From 6:00pm Saturday 26 June, until at least 11.59pm on Friday 2 July, residents of, or people whose usual place of work is in, Woollahra, Waverley, Randwick and City of Sydney Councils, must stay at home unless it is for an essential reason. If you have been in Greater Sydney, including Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour for any reason since Monday 21 June, you must follow the stay-at-home rules and must continue to follow them for 14 days after you were last in Greater Sydney.

Automotive is considered an essential service, including retail at this time, therefore all automotive businesses are permitted to continue operating, and customers are allowed to access the services of automotive businesses as well. Employers must allow an employee to work from home if it is reasonably practicable to do so. If you cannot work from home and you go to your workplace, you must wear a face mask, unless exempt. You must wear a face mask at indoor non-residential premises in NSW. If you live or work in the City of Sydney, Waverley, Randwick, Canada Bay, Inner West, Bayside, and Woollahra local government areas, you cannot travel outside metropolitan Sydney for non-essential reasons.

Brisbane Restrictions

From 6am Monday 28 June 2021, tighter restrictions are now in place for all of Queensland for the period of the NSW lockdown, which is currently until Friday 9 July 2021.

All Brisbane automotive businesses are permitted to continue operating under the current restrictions.

However, you must, were possible, limit public access to the venue or enforce density quotas of 1 person per 2 square metres. You are also recommended (not required) to facilitate work from home situations for your employees where possible, such as admin or office settings.

Facemasks are not, at this time, a requirement indoors or outdoors. All businesses must use a COVID Safe Checklist, in replacement of a COVID Safe Industry Plan. You can view it <u>HERE</u>. The use of the Check In Qld app will be mandatory for a large number of new businesses to collect contact information from 8 July. It is recommended you familiarise yourself with the use of the app as collecting contact information of customers is also mandatory at this time, and it will set you up for when the use of the app is required from 8 July. More information on the app can be viewed HERE.



Perth and Peel Areas Restrictions Are Now in Place

Effective 12pm, Sunday 27 June, restrictions will be introduced for Perth and Peel for a minimum 3 days. All

automotive businesses, including retail, are permitted to continue operating under the current restrictions.

Masks are mandatory indoors, on public transport, and any outdoor public areas where physical distancing is not possible.

It is mandatory for particular businesses and venues to maintain a contact register by collecting contact details of patrons attending their premises, including customers, staff, contractors and visitors. A list of businesses can be found <u>HERE</u>.

To assist WA has created the SafeWA app, for more information on creating a business account and using the app, click <u>HERE</u>.

Darwin Lockdown

From 1pm on 27 June 2021 residents from Darwin, Palmerston and the rural areas must stay at home for the 48 hour lockdown period.

Automotive is considered an essential, critical service and can be permitted to operate as vehicle repair and mechanical services, including roadside assistance. Distribution of automotive products, other than retail stores, are also considered essential at this time. Customers are permitted to access your business as it is an essential service, however businesses are advised there may be constraints on demand.

All other businesses, including retail outlets will be closed.

People are only permitted to leave home for the following five reasons:

- 1. To receive health care or attend medical appointments. Including to get the COVID-19 vaccine
- 2. To undertake shopping and get necessary goods and services. Supermarkets will stay open, so there is no need to stock up on groceries.
- 3. To exercise for up to one hour a day within 5km of your home and only with members of your household or one other person.
- 4. To undertake essential work. If you can work from home you must work from home.
- 5. In case of an emergency or if there is family violence or to provide essential care to a loved one or dependent.

For everyone in the lockdown area, masks must be worn if you leave your place of residence. More information click <u>HERE</u>.

Please contact us at AAAA if you have any questions, or email <u>advocacy@aaaa.com.au</u>.