

**COVID-19 UPDATE: VICTORIA FIVE-DAY LOCKDOWN  
Effective from 11.59pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

All of Victoria has been placed on a 5-day hard lockdown commencing 11:59pm tonight, Thursday 15 July until 11:59pm 20 July. There will be only five reasons to leave the house over the next five days, including accessing essential services and getting vaccinated. Permits will not be required for attending essential workplaces; however, we recommend a letter is provided from employers to their employees if they are required to travel over a 5km limit, just in case. Masks will be mandatory at all times for everyone outside of their own home.

**Essential providers can remain open, this includes vehicle and mechanical repair services. Retail and parts supply are open for click and deliver service only. All retail showrooms must close. Manufacturing and Warehousing can continue to operate but must close to public and social distance as much as possible. Please remember if you can work from home, you must.**

- **Automotive repair** can remain operating with no restrictions on the type of work they can take on and **parts suppliers** can 'click and deliver' parts to the trade. Workshops must be prepared for cancellations over the coming days and adjust their staff and business hours accordingly. Businesses that can continue operating must ensure they observe social distancing, limit staff on premises, do not allow customers onsite, and do contactless key hand-over and transactions.
- **Retail** has moved to click and collect only. All staff on premises are only allowed for the purpose of facilitating pick-ups.
- **Manufacturing, warehousing and wholesale**, as it is supplying essential services, is allowed to continue with a closed-door approach, social distancing and masks where possible at all times.

Masks are again mandatory at all times outside your home, indoors and outside, including in workplaces. Even though permits are not required, if you are concerned about the movement of staff then supply a letter for them to carry while traveling to and from work advising they are a staff member. Include the business address, the nature of their requirement to deliver or supply a service to essential trade (if applicable), and supply a phone number to call if there are any issues.

Similar to the stage 4 lockdown last year, the Victorian government has advised:

- we must follow the five reasons to leave home (vaccinations have now been included as a reason).
- all retail and hospitality will be closed
- the 5km rule for travel has been re-instated
- mandatory masks to be worn outside the home
- you must work from home if you can

Please ensure your COVIDSafe plan is up to date and all staff are aware of the conditions and requirements. We have been told there will be some financial assistance for those impacted by this lockdown and will let you know more details once it is announced. We will provide any further updates or advice as it comes to hand. There are [resources online behind the member portal on the AAAA website](#).

**If you have any queries please email [advocacy@aaaa.com.au](mailto:advocacy@aaaa.com.au)**