

8/07/2020

Dear students,

From 11.59pm on Wednesday 8 July, there will be changes in restrictions to respond to the increase in case numbers and to help reduce the risk of further transmission.

Based on emerging insights around cases and patterns in transmission, different restrictions will be applied to certain areas in Victoria.

State-wide – restrictions that apply across Victoria

Restrictions continue to be in place across Victoria:

- Victorians outside the Melbourne metropolitan area and Shire of Mitchell are being asked to use common sense when it comes to visiting friends and family, especially those who are more vulnerable. That means seeing only those you need to – if you need to.
- Those in the Melbourne metropolitan area or the Shire of Mitchell can only go in and out of these areas for three reasons: shopping for food and supplies, medical care and caregiving, and study or work – if you can't do it from home. Exercise and recreation will not be a reason to travel into or out of these areas.

If you need to travel through the Melbourne metropolitan area and the Shire of Mitchell, you can. You should plan your trip so that you don't need to stop in an impacted area unless it is for one of the three reasons.

Melbourne – Stay at Home restrictions apply

From 11.59pm on Wednesday 8 July, if you live in the Melbourne metropolitan area and the Shire of Mitchell then Stay at Home restrictions will apply. These restrictions are being applied because of the increasing numbers of COVID-19 and the heightened risk of transmission.

If you live in the Melbourne metropolitan area and the Shire of Mitchell you need to Stay at Home.

There are four reasons that you can leave home:

1. Shopping for food or other essential items
2. To provide care giving, for compassionate reasons or to seek medical treatment
3. For exercise (outdoor exercise only, with only one other person or members of your household)
4. Work or study, if you cannot work or study from home

Otherwise, you must stay home.

Additional restrictions have also been put in place:

- You cannot have visitors to your home except for caregiving or compassionate reasons or receiving services.
- You can no longer visit friends and family who live at another household, except to see your intimate partner, or for caregiving or compassionate reasons, or providing services.

(Source: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/>)

For more information, please click on the link below: -

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/updated-restrictions-1159pm-wednesday-8-july>

(Please stay safe. If you are facing any difficulties do not hesitate to contact college student support at 03 9349 2513 or email us at admin@bluelotus.edu.au)