

Victorian Building and Construction Industry Coronavirus (COVID-19) Agreed Guidelines (Revision 13) Explanatory Note

Revision 13 of the Building and Construction Industry COVID-19 Guidelines are issued as of today's date and take effect immediately. Consistent with Department of Health Workplace Directions No 32, issued 10 June 2021, the following are the major updates:

1. State of Emergency

The State of Emergency powers of the Victorian Government are extended to midnight 1 July 2021. These powers enable the government and Department of Health to make and enforce Workplace and Stay Safe Directions to manage the Coronavirus pandemic in Victoria.

(Preamble)

2. QR Codes

It is now mandatory for all businesses to have the Service Vic QR Code and this has been incorporated. A recommendation is also made to have an accompanying declaration mirroring the screening questions.

(Section 3.1)

3. Screening Workers Coming to Site

In line with latest Dept. Health protocols, we have updated the questions to be asked when screening workers coming to site and combined the initial and daily declarations into one Declaration, including a requirement for a worker to inform the employer of any household member with COVID-19 symptoms/

(Section 3.2)

4. Face Masks

Consistent with the Stay Safe Directions, face masks MUST still be carried at all times and our Guidelines continue to require that facemasks MUST still be worn when physical distancing is not possible at work and particularly when travelling in hoists/lifts.

(Section 3.9)

5. COVID Marshals

The Guidelines also retain the requirement for COVID Marshals for Large Scale Construction projects/sites.

(Section 3.12)

6. Procedures for handling Positive Cases and Contacts

In light of the updated Department of Health procedures for dealing with outbreaks, the guidance on handling positive case and contacts of those cases has been clarified.

(Sections 4.2 & 4.3)

Please note that at the time of publishing this Revision, the Density Quotient for crib rooms and amenities on building/construction sites is 1 person per Four (4) sqm and the overarching requirement of physical distancing 1.5 metres remains in the interests of best practices in our industry.

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