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URGENT COVID-19 ALERT #3



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POSITIVE CASES IN VICTORIA NEW PUBLIC EXPOSURE SITES FACE MASKS BACK ON AT WORK

It was reported yesterday that there were 7 new locally acquired positive cases in Victoria since the morning's daily update. These cases stem from the NSW outbreak and the movements of the furniture removalists and a returning Victorian family. South Australia has placed restrictions on visiting Victorians and Western Australia has been quick to require visiting Victorians to self isolate for 14 days. There are 33 public exposure sites listed on the Department of Health website at <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-site>, including sections of the Highpoint Shopping Centre and the MCG.

Earlier this week, we recommended that workers who were household members of anyone who had been to a public exposure site NOT attend work until a negative COVID-19 test result has been obtained. Please contact me for advice in circumstances where one of your workers has been in close contact with anyone at a public exposure site.

Clearly, this situation is ramping up again and Senior Victorian government ministers met last tonight to consider health and community responses. Face masks are mandatory again indoors – other than in private homes – and outdoors if you cannot maintain 1.5 metres physical distance. **This means that FACE MASKS ARE BACK ON at work, as of midnight last night (Wed 14 July).**

1	UPDATE and ENFORCE pre start declarations for attending public exposure sites, including for HOUSEHOLD members	
2	ENFORCE the wearing of masks (unless exempted or have a medical reason)	

“THE BEST WAY TO KEEP YOUR SITE OPEN IS TO KEEP THIS VIRUS OUT!”

(Quote attributed to Peter Parkinson, Chair Building and Construction Industry COVID-19 Taskforce)

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