



Building & Construction Industry

COVID-19 Update Friday 12th November 2021

Update on Positive Cases and Outbreaks

It has been another week since my last update and the pandemic continues with persistently high positive case numbers in Victoria and regrettably multiple deaths each day. There continues to be a slow down in positive cases reported in our industry, which of course is a vaccinated workforce (see table attached of cases since last reported to me).

It's time to remind everyone again that all workers must have received their second dose vaccination by COB today.

Date Reported	Positive Cases	Active Cases	First Vax %	Second Vax %
Today 12 th Nov	1115	16,098	92.6%	86.6%
Fri 5 th Nov	1343	18,952	92	82.6

Density Quotients – Crib Rooms

We have just received Dept. Health clarification concerning the interpretation of the application of the Density Quotient under Workplace Directions No 54 which I now quote verbatim for you.

Thank you for your patience as we investigated this issue. We have consulted the Directions and can confirm that non-publicly accessible space is currently subject to a density quotient of one person per two square metres (DQ2). However, if the space is publicly accessible or a shared space, a density quotient of one person per four square metre applies.

We agree that construction sites are generally non-publicly accessible spaces and a DQ2 applies. However, the policy position is that crib rooms are considered shared spaces and a density quotient of one person per four square metres applies in that space.

Workplace Directions Revision 15

This week, Revision 15 of the Industry COVID-19 Guidelines were issued. Together with the Department of Health Contact Tracing and Case Management Matrix, this Revision marks a transition to industry self management of positive cases and outbreaks, with the support of 'best practice' guidance on a range of preventative measures that have stood the test of time in minimising the impact of Coronavirus in our industry.

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Positive COVID-19 cases notified to ILO- 2021

174	29 Oct	HAMILTON MARINO	649 Victoria St Abbotsford	NATIONWIDE concrete pumper tested positive
175	29 Oct	SE PROGRAM ALLIANCE	Manchester Rd LXRP	Employee of WAMARA group
176	5 Nov	METRO ROADS PROGRAM ALL.	Cardinia Rd LXRP	Rail Worker tested positive
177	6 Nov	NW PROGRAM ALLIANCE	Glenroy	Staff member tested positive
178	8 Nov	HUTCHINSONS	Prospect Apartment Box Hill	Employee of FACADEX tested positive
179	9 Nov	SE PROGRAM ALLIANCE	Maroondah Hwy LXRP	Employee of LINESIDE SIGNALLING
180	11 Nov	BUILT	Beaumaris Secondary College	Employee of POINT FORCE Labour Hire9uytrr
181	11 Nov	LU SIMON	Sierra Apartments Hawthorn	Formworker with FORMWORK ENGINEERING tested positive
182	12 Nov	NUPOL	Ashburton	Bricklayer tested positive

COVID-19 Support Line

DJPR has taken over management of the VBA Hotline for industry COVID queries. The table below shows the number of calls taken in the week to 10 November.

