

# Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Australia:

## Headline Measures Fact Sheet

A fact sheet tracking the easing of restrictions Federally and by State and Territory. Included in this is National Cabinet announcements, State and Territory roadmaps to recovery and information in relation to schools, border closures, social distancing and travel restrictions.

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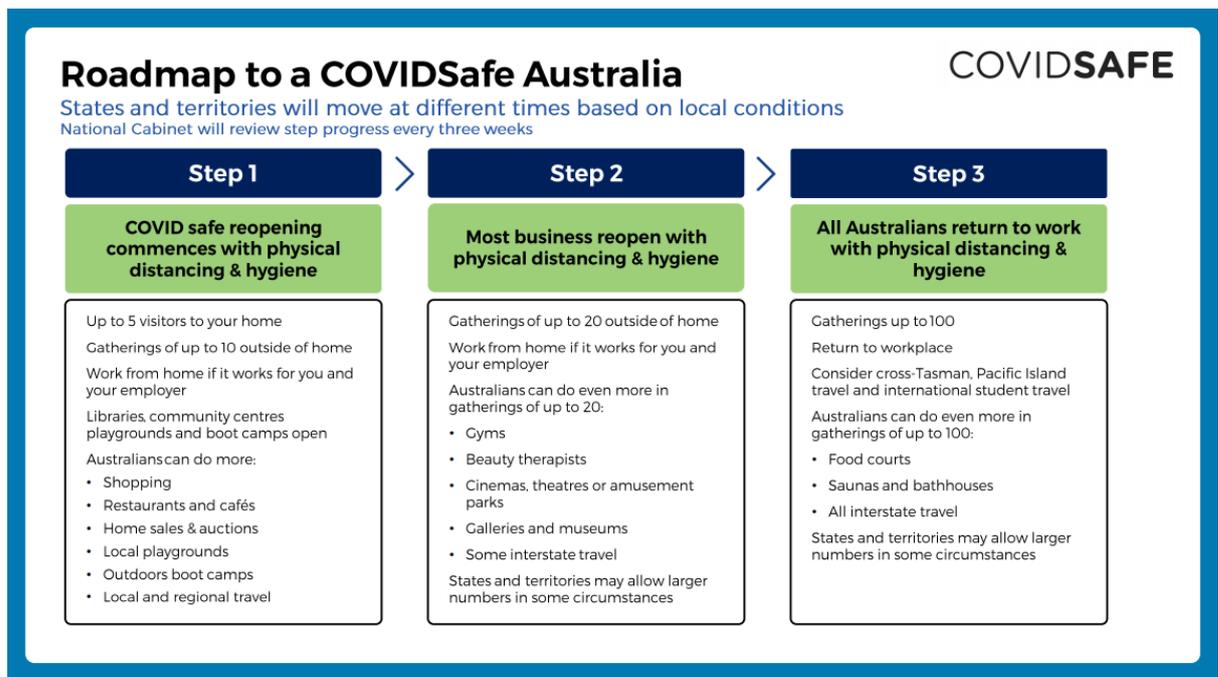
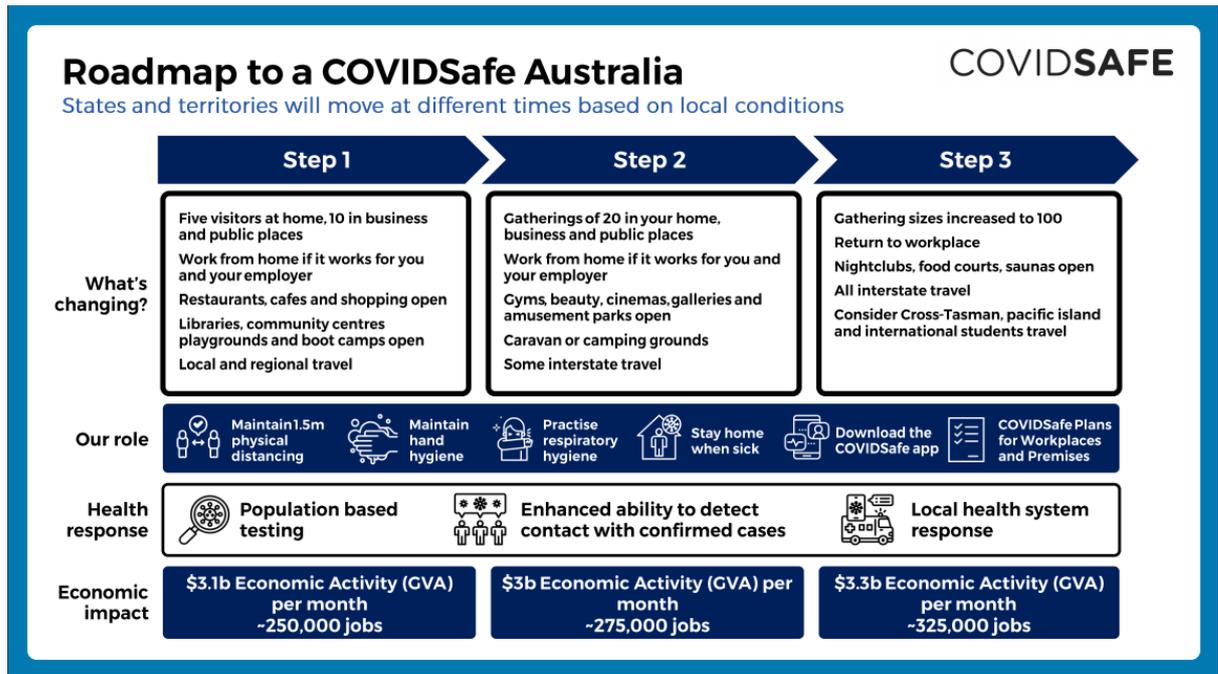
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# 1. Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Australia: National Cabinet

Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020:



# 3 STEP FRAMEWORK FOR A COVIDSAFE AUSTRALIA

MAINTAIN 1.5M DISTANCING AND GOOD HYGIENE • STAY HOME IF UNWELL • FREQUENTLY CLEAN AND DISINFECT COMMUNAL AREAS • COVIDSAFE PLAN FOR WORKPLACES AND PREMISES

ALL STEPS ARE SUBJECT TO EXPERT HEALTH ADVICE • States and territories can implement changes based on their COVID-19 conditions

	GATHERINGS & WORK	EDUCATION & CHILDCARE	RETAIL & SALES	CAFES & RESTAURANTS	ENTERTAINMENT & AMUSEMENT VENUES	SPORT & RECREATION	ACCOMMODATION	WEDDINGS, FUNERALS & RELIGIOUS SERVICES	HAIR & BEAUTY SERVICES	DOMESTIC TRAVEL
<b>STEP 1</b>	<b>STEP 1: The important first small steps - connect with friends and family - allowing groups of people to be together in homes and in the community. Businesses reopen, and more people return to work</b>									
	<p>Non-work gatherings of up to 10</p> <p>Up to 5 visitors at home in addition to normal residents</p> <p>Work from home if it works for you and your employer</p> <p>Workplaces develop a COVIDSafe plan</p> <p>Avoid public transport in peak hour</p>	<p>Child care centres, primary and secondary schools open as per state and territory plans</p> <p>Universities/technical colleges to increase face-to-face where possible and prioritise hands-on, skills based learning</p>	<p>Retail stores open</p> <p>Retail stores and shopping centre managers must develop COVIDSafe plans</p> <p>Auctions/open homes can have gatherings of up to 10, recording contact details</p>	<p>May open and seat up to 10 patrons at one time</p> <p>Need to maintain an average density of 4m<sup>2</sup> per person</p> <p>Food courts are to remain closed to seated patrons</p>	<p>To remain closed: Indoor movie theatres, concert venues, stadiums, galleries, museums, zoos, pubs, registered and licensed clubs, nightclubs, gaming venues, strip clubs and brothels</p> <p>Exception: Restaurants or cafes in these venues may seat up to 10 patrons at one time</p>	<p>No indoor physical activity including gyms</p> <p>Community centres, outdoor gyms, playgrounds and skate parks allow up to 10 people</p> <p>Outdoor sport (up to 10 people) consistent with the AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport</p> <p>Pools open with restrictions</p>	<p>Continue current arrangements for caravan parks and camping grounds (closed to tourists in some states and territories)</p> <p>Hostels and hotels are open for accommodation</p>	<p>Weddings may have up to 10 guests in addition to the couple and the celebrant</p> <p>Funerals may have up to 20 mourners indoors and 30 outdoors</p> <p>Religious gatherings may have up to 10 attendees</p> <p>Every gathering must record contact details</p>	<p>Hairdressers and barber shops open and record contact details</p> <p>Beauty therapy and massage therapy venues, saunas and tattoo parlours remain closed</p>	<p>Allow local and regional travel for recreation</p> <p>Refer to state and territory governments for border restrictions and biosecurity conditions</p>
	<b>STEP 2</b>	<b>STEP 2: Building on slightly larger gatherings and more businesses reopening. Higher risk activities may have tighter restrictions</b>								
<p>Non-work gatherings of up to 20</p> <p>States and territories may allow larger numbers in some circumstances</p> <p>Work from home if it works for you and your employer</p> <p>Workplaces develop a COVIDSafe plan</p> <p>Avoid public transport in peak hour</p>		<p>Child care centres, primary and secondary schools open as per state and territory plans</p> <p>Universities/technical colleges to increase face-to-face where possible and prioritise hands-on, skills based learning</p>	<p>Retail stores open</p> <p>Retail stores and shopping centre managers must develop COVIDSafe plans</p> <p>Auctions/open homes can have gatherings of up to 20, recording contact details</p>	<p>Cafes and restaurants can seat up to 20 patrons at one time</p> <p>Need to maintain an average density of 4m<sup>2</sup> per person</p> <p>Food courts are to remain closed to seated patrons</p>	<p>Indoor movie theatres, concert venues, stadiums, galleries, museums, zoos may have up to 20 patrons</p> <p>To remain closed: pubs, registered and licensed clubs, RSL clubs, casinos, nightclubs, strip clubs and brothels</p> <p>Exception: Restaurants or cafes in these venues may seat up to 20 patrons at one time</p>	<p>Up to 20 people allowed to participate in outdoor sports consistent with the AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport</p> <p>Up to 20 people allowed to participate in all indoor sports, including gyms</p> <p>Need to maintain an average density of 4m<sup>2</sup> per person</p> <p>Pools open with restrictions</p>	<p>Caravan parks and camping grounds fully open</p> <p>All accommodation areas open and allow gatherings of up to 20 people</p>	<p>Weddings may have up to 20 guests in addition to the couple and the celebrant</p> <p>Funerals may have up to 50 mourners</p> <p>Religious gatherings may have up to 20 attendees</p> <p>Every gathering must record contact details</p>	<p>Hairdressers and barber shops open and record contact details</p> <p>Beauty therapy and massage therapy venues and tattoo parlours can open with up to 20 clients in the premises and record contact details</p> <p>Saunas and bathhouses remain closed</p>	<p>Allow local and regional travel for recreation</p> <p>Consider allowing interstate recreational travel depending on the situation in each state and territory</p> <p>Refer to state and territory governments for biosecurity conditions</p>
<b>STEP 3</b>		<b>STEP 3: A commitment to reopening of business and the community with minimal restrictions, but underpinned by COVIDSafe ways of living</b>								
	<p>Non-work gatherings of up to 100 people</p> <p>Larger gatherings to be considered</p> <p>Return to workplace</p> <p>Workplaces develop a COVIDSafe plan</p> <p>Avoid public transport in peak hour</p>	<p>Child care centres, primary and secondary schools open as per state and territory plans</p> <p>Universities/technical colleges to increase face-to-face where possible and prioritise hands-on, skills based learning</p> <p>Consider reopening residential colleges and international student travel</p>	<p>Retail stores open</p> <p>Retail stores and shopping centre managers must develop COVIDSafe plans</p> <p>Auctions/open homes can have gatherings of up to 100, recording contact details</p>	<p>Cafes, restaurants and food courts can seat up to 100 people</p> <p>Need to maintain an average density of 4m<sup>2</sup> per person</p>	<p>Venues open in Step 2 may have up to 100 patrons</p> <p>Consideration will be given to opening bar areas and gaming rooms</p> <p>Exception: Restaurants or cafes in these venues may seat up to 100 patrons at one time</p> <p>To remain closed: strip clubs and brothels</p>	<p>All venues allowed to operate with gatherings of up to 100 people</p> <p>Need to maintain an average density of 4m<sup>2</sup> per person</p> <p>Community sport expansion to be considered consistent with the AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport</p>	<p>All accommodation areas open and allow gatherings of up to 100 people</p>	<p>Allow gatherings of up to 100 people</p> <p>Every gathering must record contact details</p>	<p>All establishments allowed to open with up to 100 people</p> <p>Record contact details</p>	<p>Allow interstate travel</p> <p>Refer to state and territory governments for biosecurity conditions</p>

## 2. National Cabinet announcements

**Note: For Cabinet Announcements prior to 16<sup>th</sup> April please refer to previous versions of the Headline Measures Fact Sheet (noting date of publication).**

### 15 May 2020 –

The National Cabinet met to further discuss Australia's current COVID-19 response, easing restrictions in the coming months, helping Australians prepare to go back to work in a COVID-Safe environment and getting the economy moving again.

National Cabinet noted that the Governor-General extended the human biosecurity emergency period for three months from 17 June 2020 to 17 September 2020. This will enable the Minister for Health to continue to exercise the emergency powers under the Commonwealth Biosecurity Act to prevent or control the spread of COVID-19.

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing Pandemic Plan**

National Cabinet endorsed the *Mental Health and Wellbeing Pandemic Plan* developed by the National Mental Health Commission.

The Plan acknowledges the significant impact that COVID-19 has had on the mental health and wellbeing of so many Australians, including mental health impacts from economic downturn through loss of income and job losses.

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Pandemic Plan has three core objectives to:

1. Meet the mental health and wellbeing needs of all Australians to reduce the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in the short and long term;
2. Outline seven key principles and 10 key priorities to inform the jurisdictions as they respond to the challenges of COVID-19 during the response and recovery from the pandemic; and
3. Define governance, coordination and implementation requirements across jurisdictions to facilitate informed planning and decision making

National Cabinet noted that the Commonwealth will invest \$48.1 million in the plan focused on:

- Improving data and research with more immediate monitoring and modelling of mental health impact of COVID-19, including boosting national capability in monitoring, anticipating and reacting to mental health impacts of the pandemic; expanding the national self-harm and suicide monitoring systems; and investment in the National Suicide Prevention Research Fund;
- Supporting vulnerable groups, by supporting services accessible in homes, workplaces, aged care, schools and other community sites - with a specific focus on vulnerable groups - aged care, carers and indigenous mental health support; and
- Better coordination and communications - more connectivity through improved service linkage and coordination, including a national mental health communication campaign to manage anxiety and encourage mental wellbeing and systems to guide the onward care of people contacting federal digital and telephone support services by connecting them to appropriate local services that provide outreach care in the home.

National Cabinet further noted Victoria's investment of \$19.5 million, announced today, to deliver mental health reforms and additional resources, staff and programs, as more people seek support as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

All governments agreed the need for each jurisdiction to ensure Australians receive the mental health services and support they require at this time, and in the coming phases of recovery and rebuilding.

National Cabinet will meet again on Friday 29 May 2020.

### **8 May 2020 – Re-opening a COVID-safe Australia and economy**

The National Cabinet met today to finalise the three-step plan to gradually remove baseline restrictions and make Australia COVID-safe.

Each step we take needs to be underpinned by a strong commitment from all of us to:

- stay 1.5 metres away from other people whenever and wherever we can
- maintain good hand washing and cough/sneeze hygiene
- stay home when we're unwell, and getting tested if we have respiratory symptoms or a fever,
- download the COVIDSafe app so we can find the virus quickly, and
- Develop COVID safe plans for workplaces and plans.

Our three-step plan provides a pathway for jurisdictions to move towards COVID safe communities in a way that best suits their individual circumstances. States and territories are able to move between the steps on the pathway at different times, in line with their current public health situation and local conditions. They'll need to maintain steady case numbers and be able to rapidly contain outbreaks, which we're set to do - with our enhanced testing regime, strengthened health surge capacity, and improved ability to quickly identify people who may have been exposed to the virus.

For each of the major areas of restrictions we have set out three key steps between where we are now and where we want to be.

- **Step 1** will focus on carefully reopening the economy, and giving Australians opportunities to return to work and social activities, including gatherings of up to 10 people, up to 5 visitors in the family home and some local and regional travel
- **Step 2** builds on this with gatherings of up to 20, and more businesses reopening, including gyms, beauty services and entertainment venues like galleries and cinemas.
- **Step 3** will see a transition to COVID safe ways of living and working, with gatherings of up to 100 people permitted. Arrangements under step 3 will be the 'new normal' while the virus remains a threat. International travel and mass gatherings over 100 people will remain restricted.

Under the three-step plan, states and territories continue to make decisions to their individual circumstances and local conditions.

### **Jurisdictions may ease restrictions at a different pace.**

National Cabinet also committed – as part of the three-step plan – to regular reviews and stocktake assessments of our progress every three weeks. We will be closely monitoring the situation as restrictions are eased. This will enable us to assess the impact of changes, track progress against our agreed precedent conditions, determine the pace of moving through the steps, and make any further decisions. National Cabinet's goal is to have a sustainable COVID safe Australia in July 2020.

**5 May 2020** – National Cabinet encouraged Australians to download the COVIDSafe app to ensure that we can protect Australians and reset baseline restrictions. Nearly 5 million Australians have already downloaded the COVIDSafe app.

National Cabinet welcomed New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern for a part of today's meeting to discuss our countries' approaches to combating the virus. We agreed to start work on a trans-Tasman COVID-19 safe travel zone, easing travel restrictions between Australia and New Zealand.

### **Establishing a COVID-19 Safe Australia - returning to work safely and confidently**

The Chair of the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission, Mr Neville Power, briefed National Cabinet on the importance of a proactive and consistent approach to supporting businesses and workers to safely return to work - drawing on the National COVID-19 Safe Workplace Principles that had been agreed by National Cabinet on 24 April 2020.

National Cabinet agreed that Safework Australia would be the single source of information, which will allow businesses to plan with confidence and consistency. A toolkit is being developed for businesses to use, to help them be work ready in a COVID-19 safe environment. National Cabinet encouraged businesses to be prepared for reopening, to protect their workers and protect their business.

### **Establishing a COVID-19 Safe Australia - removing baseline restrictions**

National Cabinet agreed to establish a three step framework to gradually remove baseline restrictions to enable Australians to live in a COVID-19 safe economy. Details will be determined by National Cabinet on Friday 8 May 2020.

Individual states and territories will determine the timeframe for graduating between steps and individual restrictions to remove. This reflects the fact that states and territories are at different stages of the pandemic response, with 6 of 8 states and territories now recording multiple zero case days.

National Cabinet noted that the Northern Territory has announced that by 5 June 2020, it will be able to remove many restrictions, while maintaining social distancing, hygiene and travel restrictions.

It is National Cabinet's aim to have a sustainable COVID-19 safe economy in July 2020. This will be subject to strong epidemiology results, testing, tracing and local surge health response capacity. National Cabinet noted that some health measures will need to be in place for a considerable period of time including social distancing, strong hygiene and international travel restrictions. Some jurisdictions may choose to maintain interstate travel restrictions.

**1 May 2020** – National Cabinet encouraged Australians to download the COVIDSafe app to ensure that we can protect Australians and reset baseline restrictions. National Cabinet agreed to bring forward the review of the first phase of removing baseline restrictions on Friday 8 May 2020, including an assessment of achievement against precedent conditions.

National Cabinet endorsed the draft 'Code of Conduct on Pandemic Procedures' for residential aged care.

National Cabinet considered and endorsed 'National Principles for the Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activities' developed by the AHPPC in consultation with sporting bodies across Australia. It was noted that evidence to date suggests that even with similar mitigation steps, outdoor activities are a lower risk setting for COVID-19 transmission. The staged return will commence an initial phase of small group (<10) activities in a non-contact fashion, prior to moving on to a subsequent phase of large group (>10) activities including full contact training and competition in sport.

National Cabinet agreed that the 'Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment' developed by the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) provides a guide to the staged resumption of sport and recreation in Australia.

**26 April 2020** – The Australian Government launched the new voluntary coronavirus app, COVIDSafe. The app is an important public health initiative that will help keep individuals, families and the community safe from further spread of coronavirus through early notification of possible exposure.

**24 April 2020** – As a next step in Australia's response, National Cabinet agreed to expand testing criteria across Australia to all people with mild symptoms of COVID-19. This will ensure cases are quickly identified.

Further work to plan for enhanced monitoring, testing and tracing is underway through the development of the Pandemic Health Intelligence Plan and an Australian National Disease Surveillance Plan sitting under the Australian Health Sector Emergency Response Plan for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

National Cabinet received an updated briefing on new modelling with the Reff now below 1.0 across all states and territories, except for Tasmania. Australia's case detection rate is 93 per cent and projections of case numbers are below lower bound modelled estimates.

### **National Safe Workplace Principles**

National Cabinet agreed to develop nationally-consistent, industry-specific work health and safety guidance on COVID-19, accessible via a central hub provided by Safe Work Australia.

The guidance will be developed and endorsed through Safe Work Australia, working with its members (the Commonwealth, states and territories, employer groups, and unions). The guidance will be housed on a revamped Safe Work Australia website.

Australian workplaces will be able to use this central hub of WHS guidance and tools to help manage health and safety risks posed by COVID-19.

To support the development of nationally-consistent guidance, National Cabinet agreed to the 'National COVID-19 Safe Workplace Principles'.

National Cabinet agreed to meet again on 1 May 2020.

**21 April 2020** – The Chief Medical Officer Dr Brendan Murphy provided an update on the measures underway, the latest data and medical advice in relation to COVID-19.

For COVID-19 suppression strategies to be effective, Reff (the number of people a single case infects on average) needs to be less than 1.0. The results continue to look very encouraging.

To continue to suppress COVID-19, National Cabinet has commenced further work on Australia's public health response including enhanced testing, tracing and local health response capabilities. This work will feed into National Cabinet's review of baseline restrictions by 14 May 2020.

National Cabinet was briefed on the new app currently under development to support state and territory health authorities to notify close contacts of a person diagnosed with COVID-19. National Cabinet provided its in-principle support for the app. The Government will provide further information on the app closer to its release.

### **National Cabinet agreed to meet again on Friday 24 April 2020.**

**16 April 2020** – National Cabinet advised that the next phase of modelling has begun; 'nowcasting'. Nowcasting is the concept of using data from the previous 14 days to more accurately understand the present state of the epidemic, given the known time from infection to illness and imperfect case finding.

The [Modelling the current impact of COVID-19 in Australia](#) presentation made by the Chief Medical Officer was publicly released.

National Cabinet agreed to a framework for future actions to plan the pathway for next steps in responding to the virus and conditions for relaxation.

National Cabinet agreed that any changes to the current measures must be underpinned by a strengthened public health response for case and contact identification and management, continued surge capacity in the healthcare system and a clear communications plan.

National Cabinet agreed to baseline measures remaining in place for the next four weeks, with individual states and territories who have put in place extended measures beyond baselines, to consider these measures based on up to date data and circumstances.

National Cabinet agreed to AHPPC advice on seven precedent conditions to any further relaxations, with work to continue over the next four weeks.

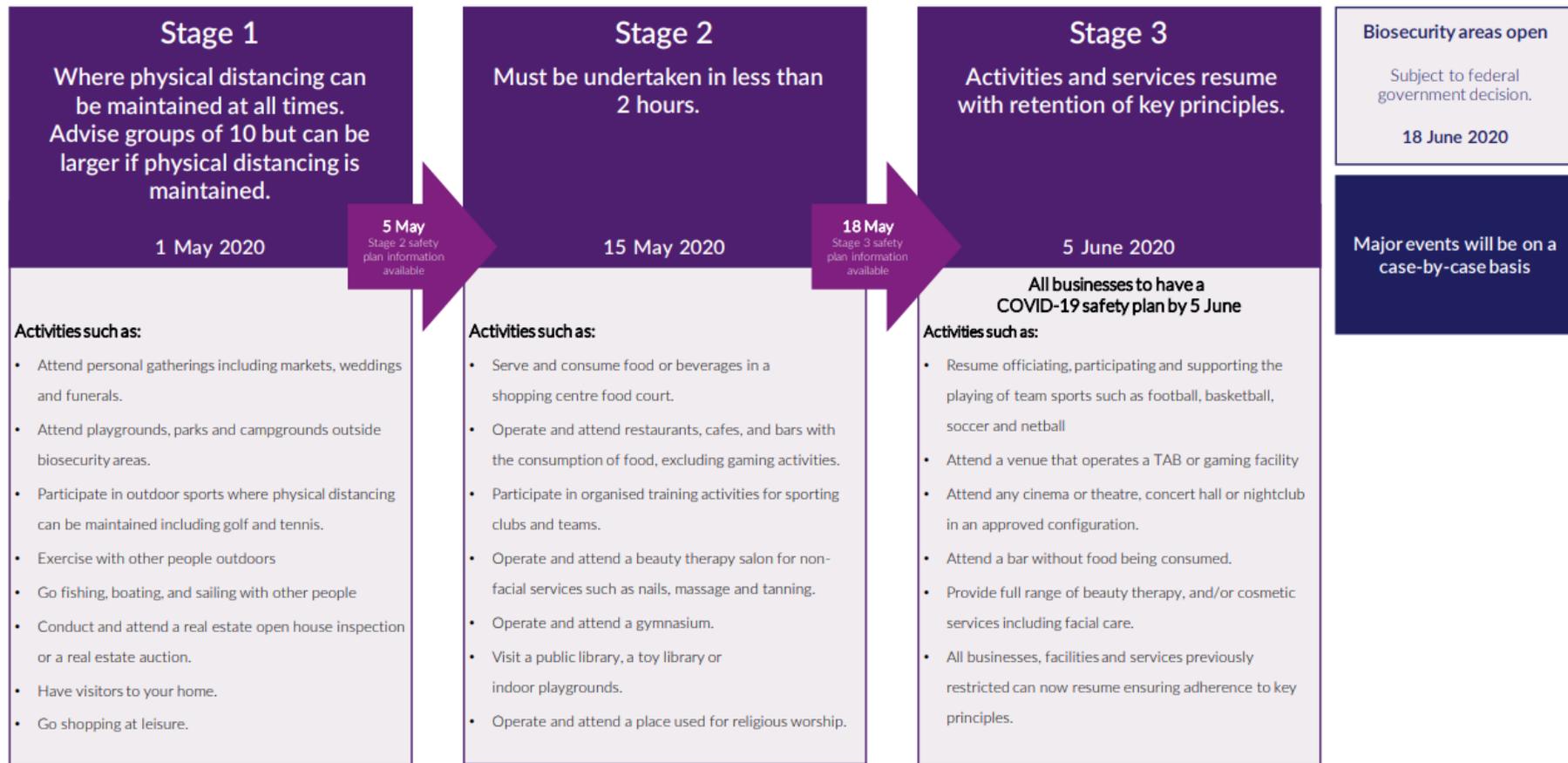
1. Situational awareness of current measures and their impact – sophisticated surveillance of disease incidence and spread, health system status, public health capabilities, stocks of material and community adherence to public health measures.
2. Finalised surveillance plan – enabled with adequate resources.
3. A better understanding of the implications of the modelling and a better understanding of the characteristics and transmission of the virus.
4. Complete maturation of public health capacity – including capacity to conduct testing more broadly; and public health workforce and technology for contact tracing, data collection and analysis.
5. Advanced technology for contact tracing – the role of a mobile phone application should be wholly explored, as it could be a valuable tool in contact tracing if numbers increase and the application is widely taken up. This would act to complement and augment our current public health contact tracing strategies and enable scale-back strategies.
6. Assurance of adequate health system capacity – should control measures fail, there must be assurance that the system will cope with any surge in cases, including the requirement for hospital beds, ventilators, PPE and ongoing workforce training.
7. Assurance of supply lines for – PPE, pathology consumables, ventilators.

### 3. State and Territory Individual Roadmaps

NT Roadmap - released Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020

#### Roadmap to the new normal Staged approach to COVID-19

This roadmap to the new normal is based on principles for personal responsibility, physical distancing, and hygiene, which are derived from the best available evidence and advice, applied in the context of the NT.



[https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/819034/roadmap-new-normal.pdf](https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/819034/roadmap-new-normal.pdf)

# Roadmap to easing Queensland's restrictions

## A step-down approach to COVID-19

Unite against **COVID-19** 

**CONTINUING CONDITIONS** • Social distancing, 1.5 metres and hygiene • Stay at home if you're sick • Tracking, tracing, rapid response • COVID SAFE Plans

### EASING TO DATE

### STAGE 1: 15 MAY 2020 (4 weeks)

### STAGE 2: 12 JUNE 2020 (4 weeks)

### STAGE 3: 10 JULY 2020

#### SCHOOLS PLAN

11 May Kindy, Prep Years 1, 11, 12

25 May Years 2–10

School holidays (27 Jun–12 Jul)

#### Family, friends and community

- › Gatherings in homes (household + 2 visitors from the same or different households, or up to 5 visitors from the same household)
- › Household or one friend and within 50 kms of home for recreational purposes:
  - › go for a drive
  - › have a picnic
  - › visit a national park
  - › go fishing, boating or jet-skiing

#### Retail shopping

- › Allowing retail shopping for non-essential items within 50 kms of home

#### Schools

- › Gradual return to class
- › 11 May: Kindy, Prep and Years 1, 11 and 12
- › 25 May: Years 2–10.

#### COVID SAFE checks

- › Minimum four weeks between stages
- › Surveillance and epidemiological indicators suggest a move would NOT present an undue risk
- › Testing is widespread and adequately identifies community transmission
- › Point source outbreaks are effectively contained by public health actions.



#### COVID SAFE check point

- › assess impact › review border
- › review biosecurity and designated areas

#### Family, friends and community

- › Gatherings in homes (max 5 visitors, allowed from separate households)
- › Gatherings of up to 10 people:
  - › outdoor, non-contact activity
  - › personal training
  - › pools (indoor and outdoor)
  - › public spaces and lagoons\* (e.g. South Bank Parklands, Cairns, Airlie Beach etc)
  - › parks, playground equipment, skate parks and outdoor gyms
  - › libraries
  - › weddings
  - › hiking and other recreational activities in national and state parks
  - › places of worship and religious ceremonies
- › Funerals (max 20 indoors or 30 outdoors)
- › Recreational travel (max 150 kms within your region for day trips)

#### Businesses and economy

- › Retail shopping
- › 10 people permitted at any one time for:
  - › dining in: restaurants, cafés, pubs, registered and licensed clubs, RSL clubs and hotels – no bars or gaming
  - › open homes and auctions
  - › beauty therapy and nail salons (with register of clients and COVID SAFE Plan)

#### Outback

- › Dining in: restaurants, cafés, pubs, registered and licensed clubs, RSL clubs and hotels (max 20) for locals only (must show proof of residence) – no bars or gaming
- › Recreational travel (500 kms within the outback if you live in the outback).



#### COVID SAFE check point

- › assess impact › review border
- › review biosecurity and designated areas

#### Family, friends and community

- › Gatherings of up to 20 people:
  - › homes
  - › public spaces and lagoons (e.g. South Bank Parklands, Cairns, Airlie Beach etc)
  - › non-contact indoor and outdoor community sport
  - › personal training
  - › gyms\*, health clubs\* and yoga studios\*
  - › pools (indoor and outdoor) and community sports clubs
  - › museums, art galleries and historic sites
  - › weddings
  - › parks, playground equipment, skate parks and outdoor gyms
  - › libraries
  - › hiking, camping and other recreational activities in national and state parks
  - › places of worship and religious ceremonies
- › Funerals (max 50)
- › Recreational travel, camping and accommodation, including caravan parks (max 250 kms within your region)

#### Businesses and economy

- › Retail shopping
- › 20 people permitted at any one time for:
  - › dining in: restaurants\*, cafés\*, pubs\*, registered and licensed clubs\*, RSL clubs\*, hotels\* and casinos\* – no bars or gaming
  - › indoor cinemas
  - › open homes and auctions
  - › outdoor amusement parks\*, tourism experiences\*, zoos\* and arcades\*
  - › concert venues\*, theatres\*, arenas\*, auditoriums\* and stadiums\*
  - › beauty therapy, nail salons and spas (with register of clients and COVID SAFE Plan)

#### School holidays – drive holiday in your region – Queenslanders backing Queensland

- › Tourism accommodation

#### Outback

- › Dining in: restaurants\*, cafés\*, pubs\*, registered and licensed clubs\*, RSL clubs\* and hotels\* (max 50) for locals only (must show proof of residence) – no bars or gaming
- › Recreational travel (within the outback if you live in the outback).



#### COVID SAFE check point

- › assess impact › review border
- › review biosecurity and designated areas

Subject to further planning and review, intrastate and interstate travel will be permitted and a maximum of 100 people will be permitted for:

- › gatherings in public spaces and homes
- › dining in: restaurants, cafés, pubs, registered and licensed clubs, RSL clubs, food courts and hotels
- › indoor cinemas
- › places of worship and religious ceremonies
- › museums, art galleries and historic sites
- › pools and community sports clubs
- › community sport
- › gyms, health clubs and yoga studios
- › outdoor amusement parks, zoos and arcades
- › concert venues, theatres, arenas, auditoriums and stadiums
- › weddings
- › funerals
- › saunas and bathhouses
- › open homes and auctions
- › casinos, gaming and gambling venues
- › pubs, registered and licensed clubs, RSL clubs and hotels
- › nightclubs
- › beauty therapy, tanning, nail salons and spas, tattoo parlours and non-therapeutic massage parlours
- › libraries
- › hiking, camping and other recreational activities in national and state parks.

#### The public health rules to maintain:

- › Physical distancing
- › 4 square metres per person when indoors
- › Hand hygiene
- › Respiratory hygiene
- › Frequent environmental cleaning and disinfection

\* More with COVID SAFE Plan approved by health authorities



## VIC Roadmap - released Monday 11 May 2020 – Step 2 + below

See recent announcements in the following table.

### SUMMARY OF VICTORIA STEP 2 EASING

Changes include hygiene measures, record keeping, density and physical distancing requirements. Final changes subject to advice of the Chief Health Officer.



FROM 11:59PM ON MONDAY 25 MAY	FROM 11:59PM ON SUNDAY 31 MAY	FROM 11:59PM ON SUNDAY 21 JUNE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public playgrounds, outdoor gyms and skateparks can open subject to the current gathering limit of 10 people.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private gatherings increase to a total of 20 people in a house (including members of the household).</li> <li>Public gatherings (indoor and outdoor) increase to 20 people.</li> <li>Weddings increase to 20 people plus celebrant plus the couple.</li> <li>Funerals increase to 50 people (indoors or outdoors) plus people reasonably required to conduct the funeral.</li> <li>Private worship or small religious ceremonies increase to up to 20 people plus people reasonably required for the ceremony.</li> <li>Non-contact outdoor sporting activities will increase to 20 people plus the instructor.</li> <li>Auction houses, real estate auctions and open house inspections increase to 20 people plus minimum number reasonably required to facilitate.</li> <li>Allow restaurants, cafes and pubs to open and serve meals for up to 20 patrons per space. Alcohol with meals only.</li> <li>Allow overnight stays in private residences.</li> <li>Allow camping and tourist accommodation if no use of shared facilities.</li> <li>Allow beauty therapy, tanning, waxing, nail salons, spas, tattoo parlours, and massage parlours to open with up to 20 patrons.</li> <li>Allow non-food and drink market stalls to open.</li> <li>Allow community facilities to open, with no more than 20 people in a single space plus those reasonably required to run the space.</li> <li>Allow indoor and outdoor pools to open, to maximum 20 patrons and limit of 3 people per lane in each pool.</li> <li>Allow galleries, museums, national institutions, historic sites, outdoor amusement parks, drive in cinemas, zoos and arcades to open with up to 20 patrons per space, while ensuring density quotient is applied to the entire venue.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase number of patrons in restaurants, cafes and pubs to serve food to up to 50 patrons per space. Alcohol with meals only.</li> <li>Increase number of patrons in galleries, museums, national institutions, historic sites, outdoor amusement parks, zoos and arcades to up to 50 patrons per space, while ensuring density quotient is applied to the entire venue.</li> <li>Ski season can start.</li> <li>Allow indoor sports centres, including gyms and physical recreation venues to open with up to 20 people per single undivided indoor space and up to 10 people per group/activity at any one time.</li> <li>Allow indoor cinemas, movie theatres, concert venues, theatres, arenas, auditoriums, stadiums to open with up to 50 seated patrons per space.</li> </ul>

# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ROADMAP FOR EASING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

## STEP 1 (CURRENT): FROM 11 MAY



**UPDATE**

**From Friday 22 May:**  
Seated dining including alcohol service (10 indoor / 10 outdoor)

- Keep working from home (if possible)
- Retail not restricted
- Social gatherings
- Schools open
- Aged care visits limited
- Outdoor playgrounds
- Regional travel
- Uni and TAFE face-to-face tutorials
- Community, youth and RSL halls
- Auctions and inspections
- Local government libraries
- Sport training and exercise (outdoor only)
- Worship, weddings and ceremonies
- Pools (limits apply)
- Campgrounds and caravan parks
- Funerals (20 indoor / 30 outdoor max)

## STEP 2: FROM 5 JUNE\*



- Cinemas and theatres
- Galleries and museums
- Beauty, nails, tattoo, massage (non-therapeutic)
- Driving instruction lessons
- Gyms and indoor fitness
- Funerals (50 max)
- Sport transition to competition without spectators, including indoor

## FUTURE STEPS FOR CONSIDERATION

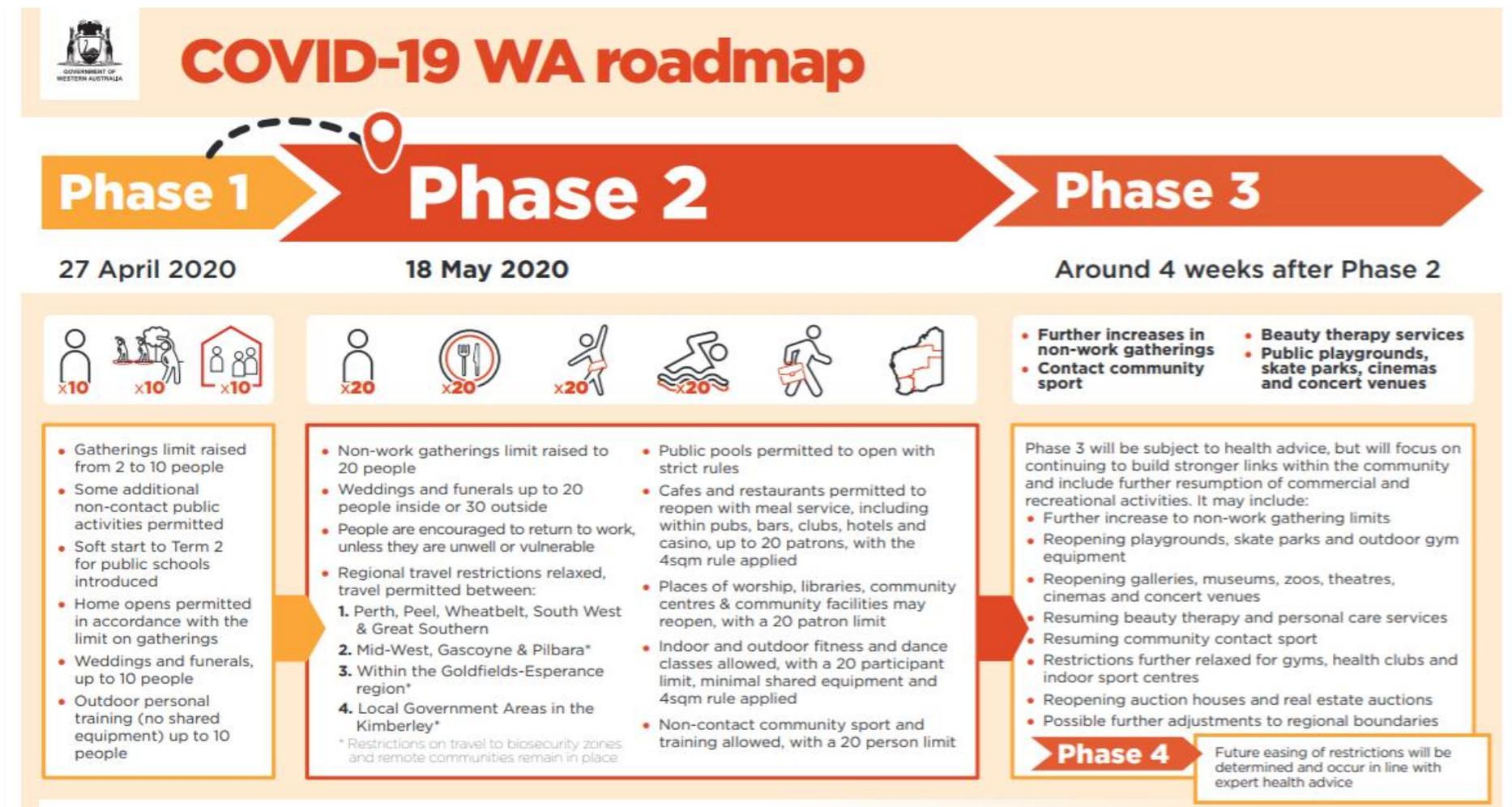
- Larger gatherings
- Licenced pubs and bars (non-food)
- Nightclubs
- Shisha/hookah bars
- Casino and gaming venues
- Stadiums and larger entertainment venues
- Food courts
- Spas and saunas
- State border restrictions
- Travel into protected communities

Update 22 May 2020

\*subject to public health assessment at the time

## WA Roadmap - released Sunday 10 May 2020

The WA Government has released a frequently asked questions for Phase 2 - <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/phase-2-easing-of-restrictions-frequently-asked-questions>



# TAS Roadmap - released Friday 8 May

<https://coronavirus.tas.gov.au/families-community/roadmap-to-recovery>



## State & Territory Statements on Roadmaps Out

New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The NSW Government will allow pubs, clubs, cafes and restaurants to have up to 50 customers, subject to a one person per four square metre rule, and with strict social distancing guidelines from <b>1 June 2020</b>. All customers must be seated and no bookings of more than 10 allowed.</li> <li>• <b>From Monday 1 June 2020</b>, the following will be allowed:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ travel to regional NSW for a holiday</li> <li>○ visits to museums, galleries and libraries</li> <li>○ pubs, clubs, cafes and restaurants can have up to 50 customers</li> <li>○ beauty and nail salon operators can begin treatments under strict COVID-safe guidelines.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>20 May</b> – Museums, galleries and libraries across NSW will be allowed to reopen subject to various requirements such as no group tours.</li> <li>• Travel restrictions within NSW will be lifted from the 1 June 2020.</li> <li>• <b>10 May</b> – From <b>Friday 15 May</b>, the following will be allowed in NSW, in addition to measures already announced:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people</li> <li>○ Cafes and restaurants can seat 10 patrons at any one time</li> <li>○ Up to 5 visitors to a household at any one time</li> <li>○ Weddings up to 10 guests</li> <li>○ Indoor funerals up to 20 mourners, outdoor funerals up to 30</li> <li>○ Religious gatherings/places of worship up to 10 worshippers</li> <li>○ Use of outdoor equipment with caution</li> <li>○ Outdoor pools open with restrictions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>28 April</b>- There is no limit for how far you can travel within NSW so long as you respect the rules and the reason is consistent with one of the four categories for leaving home.</li> </ul>
Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>24 May</b> – If businesses establish COVID Safe plans, the number of patrons allowed in stage 2 (20 people) could be increased.</li> <li>• <b>8 May</b> – More COVID-19 restrictions will ease from next weekend, with two more stages to follow in June and July (<b>see Roadmap</b>).</li> <li>• <b>26 April</b>- The QLD Government has announced some relief to the stay at home COVID-19 restrictions. From May 1, residents can go for a drive, ride a motorbike, jet ski or boat for pleasure, have a picnic, visit national parks and shop for non-essential items. However, this is subject to the following conditions:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Social distancing and hygiene are maintained</li> <li>○ You have to stay within 50km from your home</li> <li>○ Outings are limited to members of the same household or an individual and one friend.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
South Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stage two brought forward to Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup></b> –             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cinemas, theatres, galleries, museums, beauty salons, gyms and indoor fitness centres across SA will be able to open from next Monday.</li> <li>○ Those venues, along with pubs, bars, restaurants and cafes, will be able to admit up to 80 patrons, provided they can contain them to groups of 20 in discrete rooms or areas within the business.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pubs will be able to serve alcohol without food but only to seated patrons.</li> <li>○ Rules allowing one person per four square metres, and 1.5-metre social distancing, will remain in place.</li> <li>○ Up to 50 mourners will be allowed at funerals, while businesses will be required to complete COVID-19 plans and produce them on request.</li> <li>● <b>15 May 2020-</b> On the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, SA national parks and reserves re-opened – coinciding with the removal of restrictions on regional travel in SA.</li> <li>● <b>See Roadmap</b></li> </ul>
Western Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Effective from <b>Friday the 29 May</b>, WA's regional travel restrictions will be eased. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ From Friday, travel around WA will be permitted everywhere except the areas bounded by the Commonwealth by security determination and 274 remote Aboriginal communities. The exemptions to visit the Kimberley region, parts of the East Pilbara and the remote Aboriginal communities will still be in place until June 5.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>29 April 2020-</b> WA's hospitality industry is being prepared for a return to business with the launch of a mandatory COVID-19 hygiene training program to protect the public and venue staff. State Government program to be delivered by the Australian Hotels Association (WA).</li> <li>● <b>26 April</b> – The WA Government has announced easing to COVID-19 restrictions - <b>See Roadmap</b></li> </ul>
ACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>20 May-</b> The ACT will start stage 2 restriction easing on the 29 May from midnight.</li> <li>● Public schools will return to on-campus learning in stages over the coming four weeks from <b>Monday 18 May</b> (week three of term 2) to Tuesday 2 June (week 6 of term 2).</li> <li>● Re-opening of libraries (from <b>Monday 18 May</b>), with a one person per 4 square metre rule in place.</li> <li>● On <b>Friday 15 May 2020</b>, COVID-19 restrictions in the ACT will ease further. Key changes that will take effect include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ lifting restrictions on cafes and restaurants (including pubs and clubs offering seated in-house dining) – allowing these venues to seat up to 10 patrons at one time if they can follow physical distancing.</li> <li>○ re-opening a number of public places across the city, including playgrounds and outdoor fitness areas, dog parks, skate parks and BBQ areas.</li> <li>○ re-opening of community centres, community facilities or youth centres, with a maximum of 10 people (but not for indoor sport).</li> <li>○ re-opening of parks and nature reserves (Namadgi National Park remains closed).</li> <li>○ re-opening of commercial pools, with a maximum of up to 10 people per pool and one swimmer per lane.</li> <li>○ non-contact, outdoor community and social sport to restart with a maximum of 10 people.</li> <li>○ Auction-houses can proceed with a maximum of 10 people.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ hairdressers and barbers are obliged to seek and record customer details.</li> <li>● <b>11 May-</b> The ACT Government has allowed restaurants and cafes to open for up to 10 patrons.</li> <li>● <b>8 May-</b> The ACT will implement its changes from 11.59pm on Friday, May 8. Gatherings will be restricted to 10 people — both indoor and outdoor. Exceptions will be in place where more than ten people reside within a household. There will also be an allowance for larger families to meet where on household visiting another household results in more than ten people in the premises.</li> <li>● Weddings can now have 10 people in attendance, and funerals can have 20 inside or 30 outside. Churches may resume small services, boot camps can run in the park, and open houses and auctions can start again, too.</li> <li>● Over the coming weeks and months, Canberrans can expect that the easing of restrictions will be done in a very gradual way. The ACT Government will be working through the measures outlined in step one of the Framework for a COVID Safe Australia endorsed by National Cabinet.</li> <li>● <b>1 May-</b> Residents can now leave their houses for non-essential shopping purposes.</li> <li>● Restrictions on gatherings inside the family home will be relaxed to allow families to visit each other with two adults plus children able to visit outside of those who ordinarily live in a property.</li> </ul>
Northern Territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The NT Government has confirmed that restrictions on travel within the NT will be lifted on <b>June 5</b>. The Biosecurity Act limiting travel to remote communities will be lifted 2 weeks ahead of schedule.</li> <li>● <b>30 April-</b> The NT Chief Minister has laid out the <i><b>Territory's Roadmap</b></i> to the New Normal, detailing the pathway to removing restrictions. Stage 1 adjustments will commence from Friday 1 May. This includes adjustments to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Personal gatherings including outdoor weddings and funerals</li> <li>○ Playgrounds, parks and campgrounds outside biosecurity areas</li> <li>○ Public swimming pools, lagoons and water parks</li> <li>○ Outdoor sports where physical distancing can be maintained</li> <li>○ Open houses inspections and auctions</li> <li>○ Gatherings in homes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● From <b>22 June</b> a further easing of restrictions is planned.</li> <li>● From <b>1 June</b> gradual easing of restrictions is planned for social events and ceremonies, fitness, sport and recreation, personal services, cafes and restaurants, travel and leisure, culture and entertainment.</li> <li>● From <b>26 May</b> schools gradually resume classroom learning.</li> <li>● <b>11 May-</b> From 11:59pm Tuesday 12 May, Victorians may now leave their home for a fifth reason: visiting friends and family – with a maximum gathering of up to ten outdoors and having up to five visitors in your home. Other changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Weddings can now have 10 guests, Funerals can have 20 people if held indoors or up to 30 if held outdoors.</li> <li>○ More outdoor recreation activities will be allowed: walking groups, fishing, hiking and golf.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## 4. Definition of Vulnerable Groups - Federal statement

**30 March 2020** - The National Cabinet has also endorsed the AHPPC advice on defining vulnerable people in the workplace, specifically that the following people are, or are likely to be, at higher risk of serious illness if infected:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 50 years and older with one or more chronic medical conditions
- People 65 years and older with chronic medical conditions. Conditions included in the definition of 'chronic medical conditions' will be refined as more evidence emerges.
- People 70 years and older
- People with [compromised immune systems](#)

Where vulnerable workers undertake essential work, a risk assessment must be undertaken. Where risk cannot be appropriately mitigated employers and employees should consider alternate arrangement to accommodate a workplace absence. Special provisions apply to essential workers who are at higher risk of serious illness, and where risk cannot be sufficiently mitigated, should not work in high risk settings.

## 5. Travel Restrictions

### *Federal statements*

**9 April 2020** the National Cabinet agreed all states and territories will implement a consistent and immediate exemption for non-cruise maritime crew to provide for the transiting to and from their places of work, within and across jurisdictions with agreed documentation.

National Cabinet noted that states and territories may adopt additional protocols in consultation with industry that creates protection for crews on board vessels, and will put in place appropriate penalties for companies and individuals that are found to be in breach of the requirements of the exemption which will be reviewed on 1 June 2020.

National Cabinet agreed to implement the revised advice from the AHPPC in relation to air crew quarantine exemptions. As a result, air crew on international flights will be required to self-isolate at their place of residence (or hotel if not in their local city) between flights or for 14 days, whichever is shorter. Domestic air crew are exempt from self-isolation requirements except when a state or territory specifically prohibits entry.

**30 March 2020** the National cabinet that aviation and maritime crew provide an essential ensuring that Australians can return home, and that essential movements of critical goods and supplies continue. National Cabinet re-confirmed that international flight crew and maritime crew are granted a concession from the mandatory 14 day quarantine requirements for individuals arriving in Australia.

National Cabinet also noted that state and territory governments can consider exceptional circumstance exemptions to the requirement to serve the mandatory 14 day self-isolation in a hotel or other facility, so as to enable vulnerable or at-risk individuals to self-isolate at home – including for minors or those with medical conditions, such as those returning to Australia from the Medical Treatment Overseas Program.

**27 March 2020** the National Cabinet noted:

- The Commonwealth Government introduced stronger measures to restrict the movement of incoming travellers. As of Saturday 28 March 11:59, all travellers arriving in Australia will be required to undertake mandatory 14 day self-isolation at designated facilities such as a hotel at the city of entry. This will be implemented by State and Territory Governments with the help of the Australian Defence Force and Australian Border Force.

**24 March 2020** the National Cabinet noted:

- The Commonwealth Government will implement a ‘**do not travel**’ ban on Australians travelling overseas under the Biosecurity Act 2015.
- Exemptions, which will be managed by the Australian Border Force, will apply to a range of categories of travellers, including for those citizens ordinarily resident overseas, where travel is essential or necessary, where travel is in our national interest, and on compassionate and humanitarian grounds.
- This prohibition is aligned with the Government’s decision to raise the Smartraveller Travel Advice to Level 4 - Do Not Travel overseas.

**22 March 2020** the Prime Minister called for Australians to:

- Immediately **reconsider all non-essential domestic travel**, and says people should "exercise their common sense" when it comes to deciding what essential travel is.

19th March 2020 the Prime Minister the Hon Scott Morrison announced:

- From 9pm on 20 March **Australia’s borders will be closed for all except for Australian citizens, residents and their immediate family members**
- Australian government is working with Qantas to maintain flights needed to get Australian citizens and residents home from overseas
- Domestic air travel: Transmission of COVID-19 on planes is considered minimal, however, to minimise the spread of infection, all non-essential travel should be reconsidered.

## *States & Territories Domestic Travel Restrictions and Exemptions*

**All jurisdictions consider freight and logistics as essential services**, so freight is still able to move across state borders. However, the arrangements for doing so may vary.

Most jurisdictions are still in the early stages of implementing their border closures and **some details of processes/ requirements may alter as implementation is refined.**

New South Wales	<i>In line with federal restrictions</i>
Victoria	<i>In line with federal restrictions</i>
Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For entry to QLD. As of 12.01am on Friday 3 April 2020 you cannot enter QLD unless you are an exempt person, who is a QLD resident or a person moving to make a residence in QLD. The border restriction Declaration was made at 11:00pm last night.</li> <li>• Since midnight Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March borders have shut. Any inter-state arrival must self-isolate for 14 days, unless deemed “exempt”. However, if the exempt person has travelled to certain <a href="#">locations</a> deemed as hotspots by the Chief Medical Officer they must self-isolate for 14 days. The requirement to self-isolate extends to Queensland residents if they are returning from hotspot.</li> <li>• Queensland's state disaster coordinator says arrangements will be made for people living in border communities.</li> <li>• Those travelling for essential services should apply online for a <a href="#">Queensland Entry Pass</a>. This pass will be issued electronically and printed to be displayed in-vehicle to enable priority passage.</li> <li>• <b>Exemptions include:</b> National or State security officer or government employee, health services worker, emergency services worker, transport, freight and logistics worker, specialist skills worker, people living and working close to a border, compassionate entry or compulsion of law.</li> </ul>
South Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All people entering South Australia to isolate for 14-days from their arrival.</li> <li>• This will apply immediately to South Australians, other Australians and other travellers, and will be supported by border control from Tuesday 24 March at 4pm.</li> <li>• Those travelling to South Australia for essential travellers (transport and freight services) may be asked to justify ‘essential’ status by police at a bordering checking point.</li> <li>• <b>Exemptions</b> for essential travel to maintain health, the food supply chain, and the State’s economic needs.</li> </ul>
Western Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The WA Government has announced the temporary closure of the Western Australian border and tighter restrictions for the Kimberley region. The WA State border will be closed from 11.59pm on Sunday, 5 April 2020.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional restrictions to the <u>previously announced</u> Kimberley regional restrictions will come into force from 11.59pm, Thursday 2 April 2020.</li> <li>• As of 12.00am (WST) Tuesday, March 31, WA residents are not permitted to leave their regional boundary, regional boundaries are defined <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Exemptions</b> will apply for reason including work, to attend medical appointments (including veterinary), delivery of essential services including health or emergency services, people living across regional boundaries who may not have access to groceries or supplies, transport of goods, for school, TAFE or tertiary study reasons, to escape domestic violence due to an emergency and compassionate grounds.</li> <li>• As of 1.30pm (WST) Tuesday, March 24, anyone arriving in Western Australia will be required to self-isolate for 14 days.</li> <li>• Those travelling to Western Australia for essential business must complete a <a href="#">WA Border Arrivals Form</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Exemptions</b> will apply to essential services and workers, including: National or State security officer or government employee, health services worker, emergency services worker, transport, freight and logistics worker, specialist skills worker and special exemptions will be granted when needed.</li> </ul>
Tasmania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From midnight, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, all non-essential travellers departing for Tasmania will be required to quarantine for 14 days.</li> <li>• <b>Travel restrictions do not apply to Tasmanian residents on our islands</b>, such as King and Flinders, flying into mainland Tasmania. However they will apply to anyone travelling inbound to the island from mainland Australia including residents returning home to the island. Mainland Australians flying into our islands then onto mainland Tasmania will need to self- quarantine when they arrive.</li> <li>• Freight will continue to come in and out of the state, and with TT-Line having capacity to carry extra freight.</li> <li>• Those requiring interstate medical treatment will also be able to utilise the Royal Flying Doctor's Service.</li> <li>• Those travelling to Tasmania for essential business (freight and logistics) must complete a <a href="#">Tasmanian Arrivals Form</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Exemptions:</b> The quarantine period will not apply to essential travellers – such as National or State security officer or government employee, health services worker, emergency services worker, transport, freight and logistics worker, specialist skills worker and special exemptions will be granted when needed. Full definitions of Tasmania's essential traveller categories can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>
ACT	<i>In line with Federal restrictions</i>
Northern Territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From 4.00pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, people who arrive in the Northern Territory from interstate will be required to quarantine for 14 days.</li> <li>• Those travelling to the Northern Territory for essential business (transport, freight and logistics) must complete a border arrivals form.</li> <li>• <b>Exemptions:</b> health and emergency services, defence and policing, flight crews and freight – with strict guidelines in place to monitor and manage this. Delivery of food and freight (essential goods and services) will continue. There will be exemptions granted on compassionate grounds, arrivals will have to show they meet the essential arrival criteria to be granted an exemption.</li> </ul>

## 6. Statements on Schools, Higher Education and TAFEs

### *Federal Statement*

**1 May 2020** - National Cabinet adopted the AHPPC statement on risk management for re-opening boarding schools and school-based residential colleges. The AHPPC has made a number of practical recommendations that these boarding schools and colleges should consider, including a reduction in the number of boarding students, staggered dining times and establishing procedures for quarantine.

**28 April 2020**- The Government has offered early independent schools early access to funding if they return to face-to-face teaching.

**16 April 2020** – National Cabinet agreed with the AHPPC health advice that “on current evidence, schools can be fully open” along with the “practical guidance and advice” the AHPPC provided school leaders to even further reduce the “relatively low risk” of transmission in schools during the COVID-19 pandemic.

National Cabinet also agreed to a series of National Principles for School Education, as follows:

1. Our schools are critical to the delivery of high-quality education for students and to give our children the best possible start in life. Our education systems are based on the recognition that education is best delivered by professional teachers to students in the classroom on a school campus.
2. It is accepted that during the COVID-19 crisis, alternative flexible, remote delivery of education services may be needed
3. Our schools must be healthy and safe environments for students, teachers and other staff to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of education to students.
4. State and Territory Governments and non-government sector authorities are responsible for managing and making operational decisions for their school systems respectively, subject to compliance with relevant funding agreements with the Commonwealth.
5. Decisions regarding the response to COVID-19 in the schooling sector must continue to be informed by expert, official, national and state-based public health and education advice, consistent with these national principles.
6. All students must continue to be supported by their school to ensure participation in quality education during the COVID 19 crisis.
7. The health advice consistently provided by the AHPPC is that attendance at a school campus for education represents a very low health risk to students. The advice also notes that appropriate practices must be employed at schools, like at other workplaces, to provide a safe working environment for school staff, including teachers, and that the specific AHPPC advice regarding school campuses should be followed.

**7 April 2020** – The Federal Education Minister announced that the Commonwealth and the States have agreed that all Year 12 students will finish high school this year and receive an ATAR university entrance rank. The Government will consult further on possible adjustments to this year’s ATAR scoring.

**6 April 2020** – Federal and State Education Ministers will meet next on the 7<sup>th</sup> April to canvass further changes needed to the assessment for Year 12 students including extending the academic year, postponing final exams, boosting overall scores and changing the university application procedure.

**30 March 2020** – The National Cabinet announced that parents working through the COVID-19 crisis will receive free childcare under a \$1.6 billion federal government plan announced yesterday. It is expected that one million families will benefit from the temporary overhaul of the childcare system, to commence Sunday 5th April 2020.

The objective of the childcare changes is to keep parents at work and childcare workers in a job. The temporary funding arrangements will mean parents will get childcare for free with the government waiving the gap fee for parents who have been paying for childcare, backdated to March 23.

The new system will see payments start flowing at the end of next week. The system will be reviewed after one month, with an extension to be considered after three months. The payments will be paid in lieu of the Child Care and Additional Child Care Subsidy payments and will work in combination with the JobKeeper payments. The country's largest child care company, Goodstart Early Learning, is over \$1 billion turnover so is reporting that it may not be able to access the JobKeeper payments unless discretion is used. This will be one of issues that will need to be resolved in coming days.

There is also need for clarification as to whether all parents who used childcare services prior to the COVID-19 crisis will be able to access the free care scheme, or only the children of essential services workers. The Education Minister, Dan Tehan, has indicated that the government is asking Centres to prioritise those who need their children cared for because they are working, and working where they can't care for their children safely at home. Previous advice (below) on schools remains unchanged.

While the medical advice remains that it is safe for children to go to school, to assist with the transition underway in our schools to the new mode of operation it is asked that only children of workers for whom no suitable care arrangements are available at home to support their learning, physically attend school. This is vital to ensure that no parent should be forced to choose between their employment and the children's education.

Government have asked the AHPPC to develop guidelines about how staff in schools can protect themselves, manage social distance requirements and cater for those students who are at school. This will include guidelines for staff who work with vulnerable children, particularly those who have additional needs.

Government will continue to meet with education stakeholders and unions so that they can understand the education challenges for our communities and work constructively towards solutions. That will include the National Cabinet's consideration of the measures needed for early childhood settings and TAFE.

## *Higher Education*

The peak body for universities, Universities Australia has said that universities may consider extracurricular work, Year 11 work and Year 12 assessments. Where appropriate universities will use aptitude tests, bridging courses and catch-up sessions whenever needed. Some states have introduced considerations for universities within that state such as Tasmania (more details below), alternatively, universities have introduced their own measures, such as ANU, who until the end of May will admit students based on Year 11 results.

## State & Territory Statements- Schools

New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19 May – Students across NSW will return to the classroom full-time from <b>25 May 2020</b></li> <li>• <b>28<sup>th</sup> April</b> – NSW will return to face-to-face teaching from May 11, and then will consider accelerating a full return to school as soon as possible.</li> <li>• <b>21<sup>st</sup> April</b> - NSW school students will gradually transition back to the classroom during Term 2. From week three of Term 2, every student will be attending school for one day a week. “We will look to increase the number of days students are at school in a staged way and hope to have all children back at school full-time by Term 3.</li> </ul>
Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>26 May</b> schools gradually resume classroom learning.</li> <li>• <b>12 May-</b> Victorian Government schools will begin a phased return to the classroom before the end of May.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ From Tuesday 26 May, all Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students, specialist school students, as well as VCE and VCAL students will return to on-site learning at government schools</li> <li>○ Students in the broader year 3 to 10 cohort will continue to learn remotely until Tuesday 9 June</li> </ul> </li> <li>• James Merlino, Minister for Education, has announced that government primary, secondary and special schools will move to flexible learning and teaching from Term 2. With free internet access and laptops for those who need it most.</li> <li>• VCE students will still receive an ATAR, but there will be adjustments to the academic timetable for VCE and VCAL students. Including postponing the General Achievement Test (GAT) to October or November and end of year exams to December. School based assessment will also be reduced where possible to reduce the pressure on the transition to flexible learning. Universities are asked to delay the start of the 2021 university year to accommodate for these changes.</li> <li>• Premier, Daniel Andrews, has announced that he expects present school arrangements will continue till the end of Term 2.</li> </ul>
Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 May 2020 – The QLD Premier has announced the first steps allowing Queensland children to return to school:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>May 11:</b> Kindergarten, Prep, Years 1, 11 and 12</li> <li>○ <b>May 15:</b> Assess state-wide response to easing restrictions</li> <li>○ <b>May 25:</b> Proposed re-opening to remaining students in remaining grades</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
South Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>23<sup>rd</sup> April-</b> SA’s Chief Public Health Officer, has written to parents and school staff across the state encouraging them to send their children to school or preschool when Term 2 begins next week. The letter notes the low levels of COVID-19 in SA along with wider health strategies imply that there is no need for school closures.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of April to the 9<sup>th</sup> of April will be pupil-free days in all SA government schools and preschools. This move will assist the state's educators to plan and prepare to transition to flexible learning for Term 2. It is anticipated that Catholic schools will implement similar arrangements.</li> </ul>
Western Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When Term 2 commences on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April, schools will be open for all parents or carers who choose to send children to school. The arrangements will be reviewed at the end of week 4. All Year 11 and 12 students are strongly encouraged to attend to continue course requirements for graduation.</li> </ul>
Tasmania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 May- Included in Tasmania's roadmap, details the return to school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>25 May:</b> K- Year 6, Year 11 and 12 return to learning at school</li> <li><b>9 June:</b> Year 7-10 return to learning at school</li> </ul> </li> <li>All Government schools will return on <b>Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>, except for Government and Catholic schools in the North West of Tasmania which must remain closed due to additional restrictions in this area. These schools will reopen on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May. These restrictions also extend to those who may live in the North West but attend an out of area school to learn or work.</li> <li>The Tasmanian Government has announced a New School Recommendation Program. This program will enable students to apply for most undergraduate courses at the University of Tasmania and be made an offer much earlier in the year based on the recommendation of their school. The criteria for the program will include factors such as students' Year 11 results, an assessment of their capabilities and the perspective of those who have taught them. This acknowledges that it is the teachers who know their students best and can assess their readiness for university.</li> </ul>
ACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public schools will return to on-campus learning in stages over the coming four weeks from <b>Monday 18 May</b> (week three of term 2) to <b>Tuesday 2 June</b> (week 6 of term 2).</li> <li><b>1 May 2020-</b> The ACT is preparing to return to face-to-face delivery during Term 2, this is likely to involve a staged approach beginning with younger children in primary schools, followed by secondary students. While this occurs, public hubs remain available to parents who are unable to accommodate their children learning remotely at home.</li> <li>ACT public schools will be moving to an alternative delivery of learning with most students to undertake their learning from home. ACT public schools will move to remote learning in term 2, beginning Tuesday 28 April. For parents and carers who cannot keep their children at home, due to work or additional needs, the ACT Government will provide supervision at a reduced number of public-school sites for these students to continue to be provided with support.</li> </ul>

Northern Territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minister for Education, Selena Uibo, has announced that all students are expected to physically attend school from the start of <b>Term 2 (20<sup>th</sup> April)</b>. Exceptions can be made for parents who have informed the school their child will be learning from home.</li></ul>

## State & Territory Statements- TAFEs

New South Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TAFE NSW is pausing all training and educational delivery starting Monday 30 March. During the temporary pause, teaching teams will work to get everything ready for classes to recommence on the <b>27<sup>th</sup> April</b>. At this point TAFE NSW will recommence delivery to students through connected and blended delivery.</li> <li>• There will be some exceptions to the pause. TAFE Digital courses and practical delivery of training for critical skills areas that are due to complete before the end of term 1 will continue.</li> </ul>
Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Victorian Government announced additional measures to help reduce people's chance of infection and slow the spread of COVID-19. This includes the shutdown of many non-essential services across Victoria. This does not include the closures of TAFEs, Learn Locals or training organisations.</li> <li>• All TAFEs and training organisations are encouraged to increase their ability to deliver training remotely or online where possible. For some training this may not be possible, in these circumstances it is critical that physical distancing guidelines are followed.</li> <li>• VETiS will continue as normal at present, this includes RTOs.</li> </ul>
Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TAFE Queensland will pause all training and educational (including placements and VETiS) delivery from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March and <b>recommence after the Easter break</b>. There will be some exceptions from critical skills areas and teachers will work directly with their students to ensure progression and completion.</li> <li>• TAFE Queensland education and training delivery will recommence from <b>20 April 2020</b>. The majority of course will be delivered online. Limited face-to-face on-campus delivery will take place.</li> <li>• Campuses will introduce measures to stop the spread of Coronavirus on campus, including students being required to complete a wellness check before being admitted to any campus-based activities, reduced class sizes, moving to bigger classrooms where possible etc.</li> </ul>
South Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 May- From <b>11 May</b> TAFEs can return to face-to-face tutorials</li> <li>• TAFE SA will be extending the mid-semester break to start 30 March and end 27 April. This time will allow staff to work on new delivery methods and models.</li> <li>• Under advice from the Communicable Disease Control Branch of SA Health, education services in and between the towns of Nuriootpa, Tanunda, Angaston, Lyndoch and Williamston will close from Monday 30 March.</li> </ul>
Western Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>27 April-</b> WA TAFE colleges have prepared a new blended style of delivery for Term 2, which begins 28 April. Term 2 will include learning via online and interactive technologies and will include face-to-face delivery where necessary and where adequate social distancing measures can be implemented.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From Monday, March 30 until April 9, there will be a temporary pause in face-to-face delivery of most courses. Essential services courses such as nursing and aged care will continue, as well as practical assessments for hospitality/ cookery students and final stage apprentices who need to be assessed in a practical workshop. WA TAFE colleges need to develop a new delivery of training in response to COVID-19.</li> </ul>
Tasmania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>8 May-</b> From 11 May 2020, TasTAFE campuses and training facilities open for invited small groups of students only attending practical learning and assessment sessions</li> <li>TasTAFE campuses and training facilities are open for scheduled small groups only. All TasTAFE campuses and training facilities will be closed from 9 April to 27 April. All courses recommence 27 April in the online environment. Only scheduled small group sessions will be held on campus.</li> <li>Find the list of campuses open for timetabled students <a href="#">here</a>.</li> <li>All TasTAFE campuses and training facilities in Burnie and Devonport are closed to all staff and students until and including Monday 27 April 2020 due to restrictions on the North-West Region.</li> </ul>
ACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CIT has paused classes until the scheduled CIT Easter break (10 April).</li> <li>Term 2 will commence from <b>28 April</b> and teaching and learning will only be offered online or remotely. Students are advised not to attend CIT campuses. Throughout the first two weeks of Term 2, teachers will reach out and connect with students to ensure they continue to support their engagement in learn and adapt to these challenging times.</li> </ul>
Northern Territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Given NT unique delivery of VET, each VET provider can ultimately determine on an appropriate response to COVID-19.</li> <li>At this stage, the majority of VET provider continue to deliver face-to-face training following social distancing requirements.</li> </ul>

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