

Breaking news 23/06/2020

Stay safe by washing your hands, keeping your distance from others, and staying home if you feel unwell.

If you have symptoms of coronavirus you should [get tested](#).

A focus of current outbreaks of concern in Victoria

The AHPPC issued a statement on 21 June identifying the Victorian local government areas of Brimbank, Cardinia, Casey, Darebin, Hume and Moreland as a focus of current outbreaks of concern.

People living in six Melbourne local government areas identified as coronavirus hotspots should not be travelling interstate or regionally, in order to avoid spreading the virus, according to the nation's Chief Medical Officer Brendan Murphy.

The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) has advised against travel to and from those local government areas.



PHOTO: These are the six council areas identified as COVID-19 hotspots by the Victorian Government. (ABC News)

Is your suburb in a coronavirus hotspot in Victoria? Below you can search your postcode or suburb name to see if it falls within one of these local government areas.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-06-22/do-you-live-in-a-coronavirus-hotspot/12380582?nw=0>

The Victorian Government will ramp up its coronavirus testing program in six Melbourne local government areas as the state records 16 new cases of COVID-19.

The [Hume, Casey, Brimbank, Moreland, Cardinia and Darebin municipalities were identified as coronavirus hotspots](#) based on data that showed more than 80 per cent of the nation's new coronavirus cases in the week to Sunday were recorded in Victoria.

Health Minister Jenny Mikakos said those areas would be targeted with extra testing, pop-up clinics and "door-to-door" engagement from health officials.

The response includes offering "widespread testing" to the Keilor Downs Secondary College and Albanvale Primary School communities, with children and their families able to get checked even if they did not have symptoms.

Ms Mikakos said a team of 50 health officials would start doorknocking in coronavirus hotspots from Wednesday.

New pop-up clinics would be established in suburbs like Keilor Downs and Sunshine, a new drive-through clinic would be set up in Dandenong, and "roving testing squads" would hit the ground this week in the Cardinia and Brimbank municipalities.

She also said authorities would "redouble their efforts" to reach culturally and linguistically diverse communities, with officials to hold roundtables with community leaders.

COVID-19 Testing information

Testing is currently only available to people with the following symptoms, however mild: fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, and loss of sense of smell.

The test is free for everyone.

The test takes around a minute and involves a swab from the back of your throat and nose.

You need to bring at least one other form of identification – for example, your Medicare card, driver's licence or student ID.

You should return home immediately after the test and remain in self-isolation until you receive your test result.

Extended hours at Chadstone and Northland drive-through testing sites - 8am to 7pm from Tuesday, 23 to Sunday, 28 June.

Keilor Community Hub is now open

New testing site in Craigieburn is opening on Tuesday 23 June

Victoria's current restriction levels (as of 22 June 2020)

From 22 June the number of visitors that you can have to your home has reduced to five visitors. Outdoor gatherings have reduced to a maximum group of ten people.

Restaurants, pubs, auction halls, community halls, libraries, museums and places of worship remain at a maximum of 20 people in any one space until 12 July.

Businesses including gyms, cinemas, theatres and TABs can open, with a maximum of 20 people per space.

All changes to restrictions and the proposed dates are subject to the advice of Victoria's Chief Health Officer and the continued and effective management of the spread of COVID-19.

Currently, restaurants, cafes and fast food outlets may operate under the following conditions:

The limit will remain at a limit of 20 patrons per enclosed space.

Groups of up to 10 people can dine or drink together. They can be seated at the same table.

Tables must continue to be spaced so that there is 1.5 metres between seated patrons at neighbouring tables

Alcohol can be served without a meal when seated.

Bars, pubs, clubs, strip clubs and nightclubs are allowed to open for seated service only, with tables spaced 1.5 metres apart.

Retail TABs and TAB facilities inside licensed premises may open.

Currently, restrictions on community services and local government facilities are:

Libraries are permitted to open, with no more than 20 people allowed in each separate space, subject to the [four square metre rule](#), in addition to those required to operate the library

Toy libraries will reopen with no more than 20 people allowed in each separate space

Community facilities are permitted to open with no more than 20 people allowed in each separate space, subject to the four square metre rule, in addition to those required to operate the facility

Examples of community services and facilities are:

community centres and halls, youth centres, PCYCs (Police and Community Youth Clubs),

community clubs, RSL clubs (sporting facilities component)

You can book accommodation or stay with family and friends

opening of shared and communal facilities such as kitchens and bathrooms

the commencement of the ski season, with accommodation in ski resorts able to open, subject to some restrictions

Have up to 5 visitors in your home at any one time, in addition to the normal residents of a household.

Organise public gatherings of up to 10 people in a public place.