

# Office of Local Government



## COVID-19 COUNCIL UPDATE

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### New Public Health Order issued on border closure

A new Public Health Order has been issued in relation to the tightened Victoria-NSW border control measures.

From midnight Tuesday July 21 a border zone, clearly defined along the Murray River, will restrict entry to NSW for Victorians to extremely limited purposes.

Under the new measures NSW border residents will be restricted in their reasons for travelling into the Victorian side of the border zone. If they travel beyond the border zone into Victoria, they will be required to self-isolate upon return for 14 days.

Any other NSW resident who crosses the Murray River, or otherwise enters Victoria or has been there in the last 14 days, will be required to self-isolate for 14 days on their return to NSW.



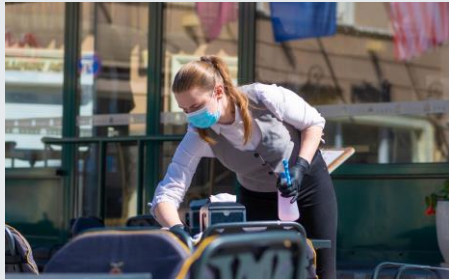
All NSW residents are strongly urged not to travel to Victoria.

Authorities will have greater enforcement powers to stop people entering NSW and to direct people who are not NSW residents to leave if they present an unacceptable health risk.

The conditions imposed on [border permits](#) are also being tightened. For the full list of revised conditions please click [here](#).

Border residents can check [the Service NSW site](#) to determine if their address falls within the newly established border restrictions zone.

For the latest advice and information on the border closure please check [this page](#) regularly, as it is being updated continuously.



## Keeping businesses and communities COVID Safe

Councils are a key engagement point with cafes and restaurants and can support keeping the community safe and small businesses open by helping them understand their COVID Safe obligations

under the Public Health Order.

In partnership with NSW Health and the Food Authority, the Office of Local Government (OLG) is asking all councils across NSW to work with their cafes and restaurants and have provided a range of materials to support councils in this endeavour.

These materials can be found on [the OLG COVID Safe website](#), [the OLG COVID-19 Information and Resources page](#), and [the Food Partnership Portal](#).

These materials will be available in key community languages shortly following requests from local councils and other stakeholders.

Councils can help their small businesses and communities remain safe by:

- Providing education materials to small businesses through council social media channels, direct engagement with businesses, and local chambers of commerce, and business groups. The materials available include social media content, handouts, social media tiles and draft copy

- Adding [this infographic](#) to email signatures for council staff who regularly engage with small businesses
- Posting COVID Safe materials to council websites and social media channels, and
- Promoting the importance of COVID Safe plans and social distancing in all communication with small business and the community. Appropriate social distancing and public hygiene is a community wide responsibility, and everyone has a part to play.

OLG understands that many councils across NSW have been proactive in these ways and thanks all councils for their support assisting in this critical work.



## Information and resources

### [Latest NSW COVID-19 case locations](#)

The latest information on case locations, what to do if you have visited, and where to find a testing clinic can be found [here](#).

### [Guidelines for COVID Safe workplaces](#)

Safety plans for a range of businesses and organisations can be found [here](#), and those in the sport and recreation sector [here](#).

### [Local Government toolkits](#)

The Department of Customer Service has prepared toolkits for councils regarding the [Victoria-NSW border closure](#) and [COVID Safe recovery](#).

### [Job Retention Allowance payment applications](#)

Councils can still apply for the Job Retention Allowance payment of \$1,500 per fortnight, per eligible employee. Find out how in this [circular](#).

### [Detailed OLG guidance to councils](#)

Councils can access detailed guidance on:

- [Local government legislative amendments](#)
- [Local government economic stimulus package](#)

### [Quicklinks](#)

Councils can access the latest information and resources about COVID-19 on the [NSW Government](#), [NSW Health](#), [Commonwealth Government](#), [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), and [NSW Office of Local Government](#) websites.

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