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COVID-19 COUNCIL UPDATE

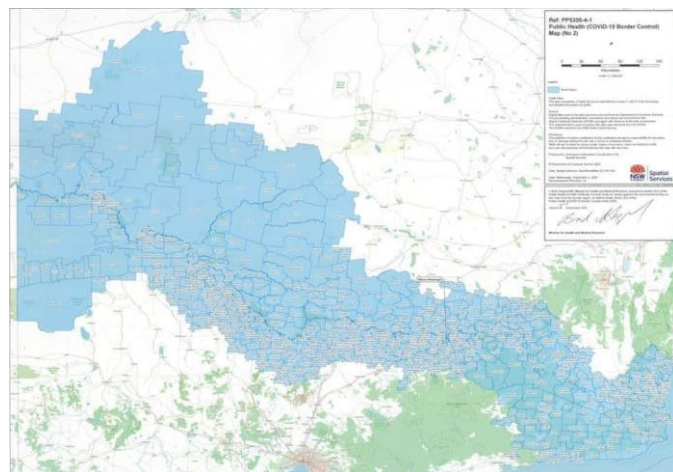
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Friday 4 September 2020

New Public Health Order for NSW-Victoria border

A new Public Health Order has been issued concerning the NSW-Victoria border.

From 12.01am today, (September 4) a single border region will be reinstated. A map of the region and an address check can be found [here](#).



All residents of the border region, including critical service workers and residents in remote communities, can [apply for a new border region permit](#).

The border region resident permit allows a Victorian border region resident to enter NSW:

- To get necessary goods or services
- For care or [other compassionate reasons](#)

- To attend work or education (where it is not possible to do from home), and
- To permanently move to NSW.

A NSW border region resident can use the permit to enter Victoria for the same reasons and then return home to NSW.

If you have a border zone resident permit or a critical service – border region permit that is current at 12.01am today (September 4) it will:

- Be considered a new border region resident permit, with the new conditions, and
- Continue to be valid until the permit's date of expiry.

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



NSW Health to use 'area for increased testing'

NSW Health has introduced the term 'area for increased testing'.

This is an area or suburbs identified for increased testing because an infectious person lives or has visited there, or there has been

community transmission of COVID-19. Some people with COVID-19 may have only mild symptoms, so as much testing as possible is needed to ensure there's no hidden community transmission.

Some areas and suburbs may stay on the areas for increased testing list for several weeks after an infectious person has visited. NSW Health reviews these areas and suburbs regularly.

The areas currently designated for increased testing can be found [here](#).



Information and resources

[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](#).

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](#).

Together against COVID-19

A pack outlining strategy, plans, and controls for communication to build social cohesion as the COVID-19 crisis evolves can be found [here](#).

Stakeholder toolkit in community languages

Downloadable translated resources and direct links to information on how to stay COVID Safe in the community and specific resources for businesses can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

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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