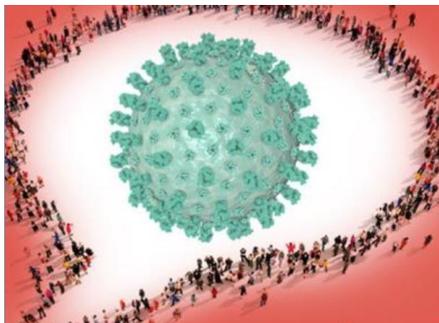


## FACE COVERINGS



<p><b>ALERT SUMMARY</b></p>	<p>Victorian State Government has directed residents of metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire to wear a face covering, fitted over both the nose and mouth, when leaving the home. This includes when attending workplaces.</p> <p>This direction also applies to those residing outside those areas who travel into Melbourne Airport.</p> <p>The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has outlined the requirements on their website.</p> <p><a href="https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/updates/coronavirus-covid-19/face-coverings-1159pm-wednesday-22-july">https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/updates/coronavirus-covid-19/face-coverings-1159pm-wednesday-22-july</a></p>
<p><b>RISKS</b></p>	<p>This is a mandatory requirement from the State government, except for those people with lawful exemptions, and will be enforced through fines. Enforcement will begin after 11:59pm, 22 July 2020.</p> <p>Non-adherence to the directive could result in COVID-19 transmission between colleagues in the workplace.</p>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b></p>	<p>Melbourne Airport recommends all stakeholders review the requirements and implement any changes required to comply with the government direction.</p> <p>This could include reviewing and assess their current COVID-Safe Plans to address the updated 'face covering' requirement.</p>
	<p><u>Summary of DHHS advice as it relate to workplaces:</u></p> <p>Unless an individual is exempted from the requirement, a face covering or mask must be worn at work.</p> <p>Exemptions from wearing a face covering include if poses an OHS risk to the individual.</p> <p>Employers are required to ensure their staff wear face coverings whilst at work.</p> <p>The face covering can be removed for short breaks if required, and only if not near other people.</p> <p>Being located 1.5 metres from others does not exempt you from wearing a face covering in the workplace or at your desk.</p>

If you work in an enclosed office space on your own, you may remove the face covering whilst at your desk. However you must wear it if someone enters the space, or if you leave your desk.

If you are working from home, you are not required to wear a face covering within your home unless caring for someone who has COVID-19.

Construction workers and coffee shop workers will be required to wear face coverings unless they meet the criteria for an exception or where the face covering would pose an OHS risk.