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Victorian Government's Stage Two Easing Framework

On Sunday May 24, Premier Daniel Andrews announced the Victorian Government's Stage Two Restrictions Easing Framework.

The primary changes will allow Victorians to have up to twenty guests within a household and hold public gatherings of up to twenty people, from Monday 1 June.

The Victorian Government's Stage Two Easing Framework also covers new allowances for weddings, funerals, religious services, community facilities, the real estate industry, libraries, caravan, national and state parks, community and indoor sports facilities, pubs and cinemas.

Further easing announcements are expected in the coming weeks and will depend on the rate of community transmission and scale of testing.

The staged easing of restrictions is and will remain consistent with the plans outlined by the national cabinet on Friday, 8 May.

Stage Two Easing Framework

From Monday, 25 May:

Outdoor Exercise Facilities

- Playgrounds, outdoor gyms and skateparks can be used and occupied by up to ten people.
- This limit will increase as public gathering allowances expand.

From Monday, 1 June:

Households

- A total of twenty people will be allowed to gather in households.
- Overnight stays can resume at private residences.

Public Gatherings

- Outdoor gatherings of up to twenty people will be allowed.

Accommodation

- Overnight stays in commercial accommodation will be allowed.
- This will also apply to campgrounds and caravan parks, on the condition guests do not have access to communal facilities such as kitchens or bathrooms.

Ceremonies

- Weddings will be allowed to host up to twenty guests - plus the celebrant and wedding couple.
- Funerals will be allowed to host up to fifty guests, in addition to those required to conduct the funeral.
- Religious ceremonies will be allowed to host up to twenty people in addition to those required to perform the service.

Community Facilities

- Libraries, youth centres and other community facilities – (*including men’s sheds and art and craft classes*) will be able to open with no more than twenty people in a single area, plus those needed to operate the space.

Entertainment and Cultural Venues:

- Galleries, museums, drive-in cinemas, zoos, amusement parks and historic sites will be allowed to open.
- Physical distancing and a limit of up to twenty patrons per space will apply.
- Indoor venues will be required to keep customer contact details.

Sports and Exercise

- Swimming pools will be allowed to open with a limit of twenty people and additional safety requirements in place.
- Community sporting activities will also be permitted with up to twenty people in undivided spaces, provided the sport is outdoors, non-competition, non-contact, and people are able to play 1.5 metres apart.
- Restrictions on professional sport will remain unchanged.

Personal Grooming

- Beauty and personal care services such as nail salons, spas, tattoo parlours will be able to open with up to twenty customers per space.
- Customer contact details are required to be kept.

Real Estate

- Auctions and open for inspections will also be subject to the twenty-person limit – plus those required to conduct the activity.
- Agents are required to keep the contact details of all attendees.

Markets

- Non-food and drink market stalls will be able allowed to open, with social distancing expectations.

If community transmission rates continue to remain low and testing rates continue to remain high -
From Monday, 22 June:

Indoor Exercise and Recreation Facilities

- Indoor fitness and recreation facilities will be allowed to open with up to twenty people per single undivided indoor space
- Up to ten people will be allowed to exercise together in a group or activity at any one time.

Cafés and Restaurants

- Up to fifty people will be permitted in restaurants, pubs, and cafes.
- Patrons must be seated, and alcohol will be served alongside meals only.
- Social distancing, spacing, and tracing requirements will remain.

Entertainment Venues

- Up to fifty people will be permitted in galleries, museums, cinemas, theatres, auditoriums, and stadiums.

Ski Slopes

- The ski season will open 22 June.

School Timetable Update

Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) examinations will start Monday, 9 November – a month earlier than expected. Exams will be completed by Wednesday, 2 December.

The General Achievement Test will be held on Wednesday 9 September 2020.

This timeframe allows for ATAR scores to be calculated and VCE, VCAL students to get their results before the end of 2020.

Further Information

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