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Current levels of COVID19 community transmission in Victoria are unacceptably high. The Government have introduced further Stage 4 restrictions for Melbourne (and Stage 3 restrictions for Regional Victoria) to limit movement and hence transmission of the virus. CCAA will continue to update you as further details come to hand. **Today's updated content is in orange for your quick reference.**

### What does Stage 4 mean for me personally?

Melbourne is currently operating under Stage 4 Restrictions in response to the COVID19 pandemic. These restrictions on our personal lives are detailed [here](#).

### What does Stage 4 mean for businesses?

Under Stage 4, restrictions on businesses and workplaces come into effect from **midnight Friday 7 August 2020** and details can be found [here](#).

The [Business Victoria website](#) and hotline provide information on restrictions and support to help your workplace plan and respond to coronavirus (COVID-19) **Call Business Victoria on 13 22 15**.

### Can Cement Operations, Concrete Plants and Quarries remain open?

Yes, CCAA member operations are defined as OPEN (FOR ON-SITE WORK) provided they have a COVID SAFE PLAN in place. Details on how to prepare a plan can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

- **Cement and concrete operations** are classified as part of the Manufacturing Sector and guidance can be found [here](#).
- **Quarry operations** are classified as part of the Mining Sector and guidance can be found [here](#).
- **Transport, Postal and Warehousing** Sector guidance can be found [here](#).

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CCAA guidelines and support can also be found [here](#) and [here](#).

### Do I need a COVID Safe Plan for every worksite?

Yes, you need a company-wide COVID Safe Plan that can address all protocols for all your sites. These protocols must be rolled out to all sites and workers and a copy of the COVID Safe Plan must be onsite for an authorised compliance officer to inspect.

### Can Order Takers and Allocators operate on our sites?

Yes, our industry falls into the OPEN with a COVID Safe Plan category so there are no explicit restrictions

on how many people can be 'on site' or what ancillary providers we need to manage the business and keep the site safe.

Provided your business explicitly address how Order Takers and Allocators are being managed within the COVID Safe Plan (with the intention to minimise people on site safely) and they have a Work Permit you are compliant.

### Can Construction sites still operate?

Yes, but under restricted requirements to limit the number of people on site and movement between sites. [Guidance on Construction can be found here.](#)

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All construction sites will have a High Risk COVID Safe Plan in place that is regularly updated and allow no more than one worker per 4 sqm of enclosed workspace.

The sites are classified into three areas:

1. **Large scale construction** (More than three storeys or larger than 1,500m<sup>2</sup> or any office or retail fit-out or industrial, large format or retail use); are only allowed to have a maximum of 25% of their workforce on site. The site must demonstrate not blending shifts. **Movement of workers between different sites must be limited where possible, and only with appropriate guidance** - this does not include suppliers of materials to the site such as concrete truck drivers, concrete testers or pump operators.
2. **Small scale construction** (Any building construction project of three storeys or less - excluding basement). Site limited to a maximum of five (5) workers (**plus a supervisor**) at any one time - this does not include product suppliers to the site e.g. concrete truck drivers or pump operators. The site must demonstrate not blending shifts. **Movement of workers between different sites must be limited where possible, and only with appropriate guidance** – this does not include suppliers of materials to the site such as concrete truck drivers, concrete testers or pump operators.
3. **State and state civil construction** (including time critical new school builds) are exempt from reduction targets but will be required to implement a High Risk COVID Safe Plan.

### Can Civil Construction sites still operate?

Yes, Civil Construction sites, like all construction sites, are required to have a High Risk COVID Safe Plan. They are not subject to additional restrictions because they are low-risk activities, usually in the open air. Public and private civil works will be treated the same under Stage 4 restrictions.

### When do the Stage 4 Restriction come into effect for businesses?

The Stage 4 restriction come into effect when the Health Directives are finalised and come into effect at **midnight on Friday 7 August 2020**. These directives are legally enforceable under the declared State of Disaster provisions, and all business entities are required to retain records to demonstrate compliance to an enforcement officer.

### Will I require a permit to go to work?

Yes, where the workplace is part of a permitted activity employers will be required to issue signed worker

permits to their employees to allow them to attend a workplace. Details regarding the nature of these permits can be found [here](#) and must be in place before midnight on Wednesday 5 Aug'20. Significant penalties apply for individuals and businesses if these permits are not in place.

If you have any further questions or queries, please respond to this email or contact the VIC office using **vic.office@ccaa.com.au**

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