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# VICTORIA ANNOUNCES FIRST EASING OF STAY-AT-HOME MEASURES

## SNAPSHOT AS OF MONDAY 11TH MAY

As of this morning, there are 1,494 cases in Victoria, and 18 deaths.

The federal and state governments have announced details on the easing of stay-at-home measures, more below.

## RE-OPENING A COVID-SAFE AUSTRALIA AND ECONOMY

The National Cabinet met on Friday to finalise the three-step plan to gradually remove baseline restrictions and make Australia COVID-safe. States and territories are able to move between the steps on the pathway at different times, in line with their current public health situation and local conditions.

At a press conference this morning, Premier of Victoria Daniel Andrews provided an update on Victoria's plan for easing restrictions:

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reasons for Victorians to leave home: shopping for food and supplies that you need; care and caregiving; exercise and outdoor recreation; work and education (if you can't do it from home); and visiting friends and family (if you really need to).

- The new reason, to visit friends and family, allows for a maximum gathering of up to 10 outdoors and having up to five visitors in your home.
- Weddings will now be able to have ten guests, and up to 20 people will be able to attend funerals held indoors and up to 30 if they're outdoors.
- Outdoor recreational activities will also be allowed, including walking groups, fishing, hiking and golf. These activities will be subject to physical distancing requirements to help keep people safe.
- These new restrictions and a renewed State of Emergency will be in place until 11:59pm on Sunday 31 May.

## OTHER GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Victorian Government has announced \$20 million for a range of measures that will continue beyond the recent testing blitz, including the establishment of new rapid response teams.
- The Victorian Government has announced \$17.5 million in additional funding for frontline legal assistance services in response to coronavirus. The funding will flow immediately to Victoria Legal Aid and every Community Legal Centre and Aboriginal legal service in the state, supporting Victorians with a range of issues including family violence related matters, employment rights, debt and consumer credit, and tenancy and housing matters.
- The Victorian Government has announced \$900,000 in grants for new programs and extra staffing at kinders not yet receiving funding through the \$160 million School Readiness Funding initiative.

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