

Victorian Freight and Logistics Industry COVID-19 update

5 November 2021

All of NSW and ACT are green zones

From 11.59pm, 4 November 2021, Victoria classified all of NSW and the ACT as green zones in line with the rest of Australia.

This means that anyone entering Victoria, including freight, rail and public transport workers, are not required to undertake COVID-19 testing if they are not experiencing any symptoms. Workers can now enter Victoria using a Green Zone Permit rather than a Specified Worker (Multiple Entry) Permit.

Reiterating that anyone with the slightest of COVID-19 symptoms should seek a PCR test.

Vaccination status

Freight workers must have had their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine and need to be fully vaccinated by 26 November 2021 if they are working in Victoria. They must carry evidence of vaccination or a valid medical exemption.

Proof of vaccination exemptions

Only the Australian Immunisation Register medical exemption form is to be used to provide proof of a medical exemption to vaccination requirements.

The Australian Immunisation Register provides those who meet the very limited medical criteria with proof of exemption via myGov in the same way vaccination certificates are accessed.

People with an exemption letter that isn't the Australian Immunisation Register form – such as a standard doctor's certificate – will need to return to their medical practitioner to submit the form by 12 November. They can continue to use a doctor's certificate up to that date.

Those who don't meet the specific medical contraindications to COVID-19 vaccination according to ATAGI guidance will not have a valid exemption after 12 November.

Removal of freight testing sites

With changes to freight worker testing requirements, as of 5 November 2021, the Department of Health will close all freight-friendly testing sites aside from Nhill Trailer Exchange on the Western Highway.

Should freight workers require a COVID-19 test, they will need to go to one of the many public testing sites across Victoria. Testing sites can be located on the [Coronavirus website](#).

Commonwealth guidance for seafarers

The Australian Department of Health has recently updated its [COVID-19 guidance to the marine industry website](#). The guidance includes what to do if crew are ill or need medical attention, quarantine measures, and movement within Australia. The guidance advises that the information should be viewed alongside state or territory requirements. Victoria's ports of entry (airports and maritime) sector guidance can be found on the [Coronavirus website](#).

Traffic disruptions

Monash Freeway upgrade



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There will be major disruptions on the Monash Freeway inbound between Stud Road and Warrigal Road as current resurfacing works continue through to late November. Nightly carriageway closures, daytime lane closures, rough surfaces and speed restrictions will result in significant delays.

Sections of the Princes Highway have been approved as a detour route for some vehicles:

Vehicle type	Detour route
Over Size Over Mass Vehicles	Detour via Stud Road, Princes Highway and Warrigal Road (Please check OSOM network map before travelling)
Gazetted Vehicles (other class 1 Vehicles incl 2 axle SPV, 40T SPV, 4&5 Axle terrain mobile crane, trailer & OD vehicles)	Detour via Stud Road, Princes Highway and Warrigal Road (Please check relevant network map before travelling)
Permit Loads	Please contact us (Nikhil on nikhil.karale@roadprojects.vic.gov.au & Mobile: 0431 290 080) 2 weeks prior to arrange travel via the Monash Freeway
High Productivity Freight Vehicles (HPFV)	Please contact us (Nikhil on nikhil.karale@roadprojects.vic.gov.au & Mobile: 0431 290 080) 2 weeks prior to arrange travel via the Monash Freeway

For more information please view the [VicRoads heavy vehicle network maps](#).

These works are part of a greater program of work that will continue through to April 2022.

You can sign up for updates by:

- visiting [Major Road Projects Victoria website](#)
- texting “monash” to 0499 073 073.