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DATE:	3 August 2020
SUBJECT:	COVID-19 – Stage 4 (Metro) and Stage 3 (Regional) Business Restrictions
ATTENTION:	Club Managers

The Hon Premier Dan Andrews has today announced significant changes to 'non-essential' business in Victoria, imposing new business restrictions on both metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria.

The announced business restrictions come after the personal restrictions applying to Victorians, which came into effect at ***6.00pm on Sunday 2 August 2020***, details of which can be found at: https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19.

These changed restrictions are part of the Victorian Government's initiatives to slow the spread of coronavirus in Victoria.

Stage 3 and Stage 4 Business Restrictions

There are separate arrangements depending on whether the business is in metropolitan Melbourne or regional Victoria. The restriction levels which are to apply are as follows:

(a)   **Stage 3 Restrictions** - to be applied in regional Victoria (which now includes Mitchell Shire) from 11.59pm on Wednesday 5 August 2020. Essentially, Stage 3 restrictions mean:
- o   restaurants and cafes can only offer delivery and takeaway;
- o   beauty and personal services will need to close;
- o   entertainment and cultural venues will need to close; and
- o   community sport will need to cease.

(b)   **Stage 4 Restrictions** – applying in Metropolitan Melbourne (*refer detail below regarding sector and date of effect*). Broadly, the changes are in three categories:
- o   Businesses that will continue to operate;
- o   Industries where on-site operations will cease for the next six weeks from 11.59pm on Wednesday 5 August 2020; and
- o   Industries that are permitted to operate but under significantly different conditions.

    *Nb: All **open** businesses and services will have until 11.59pm Friday 7 August 2020 to enact a COVIDSafe plan.*

The Victorian Government released a summary table of affected industries - outlining examples of workplaces that are closed for on-site work, open for on-site work with a COVID Safe Plan, and where there are restricted operations or industry specific obligations. The information contained in the table is subject to the Directions of Victoria's Chief Health Officer. Relevantly for Clubs the following applies:

Industry	Closed (for On-site Work)	Open (for on site work) Covid Safe Plan
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	- Clubs (Hospitality)	- Cafes, restaurants (take away and delivery food services only)

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Essentially therefore, in line with the restrictions summarised above and those personal movement restrictions announced on Sunday, Stage 4 restrictions mean Clubs will be closed other than offering take away food and alcohol.

Business Support Fund

The Government has also expanded its Business Support Fund for those businesses that suffer significant losses or need to close as a result of the restrictions. Businesses in regional Victoria can apply for a $5,000 grant while those in Melbourne and Mitchell Shire can apply for up to $10,000 in recognition of spending longer under restrictions.

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