

15 July 2020

To whom it may concern,

All students and staff who have been in Victoria in the previous 14 days are to be excluded from school/university until 14 days post arrival into NSW

In response to the evolving COVID-19 situation in Victoria, New South Wales Health has introduced new Public Health orders to minimise the risk of Introducing COVID-19 into school and university communities. As of the 14th of July 2020, the following Public Health orders have been legislated:

- With the exception of the special arrangements that have been put in place for the students and staff who live in the border communities, students and staff that have been in Victoria in the 14 days prior to commencement of school should be excluded until 14 days have elapsed since they have left Victoria.
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- Please note that depending on the date of their arrival in NSW they will also be subject to public health orders that pertained to parts of Melbourne initially and if they arrived in NSW from any part of Victoria from 8 July they must self-isolate for 14 days from their arrival in NSW.
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- Students who attend a University college in NSW must undergo a COVID-19 PCR test on or after day 10 of isolation and obtain a negative COVID-19 swab result before being permitted to leave isolation after 14 days to enter the college.
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- If students or staff return to Victoria for any reason, including weekend visits, they must commence the 14-day self-isolation period again on return to NSW.
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The table below summarises the application of the current Public Health orders by date of arrival into NSW and may be useful in assisting your assessment of individual staff and students

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Isolation requirements for persons with exposures in Victoria, by date of arrival in NSW.

Arrival date in NSW	Exposures	Isolation instruction
Arrived on or before 1 July 2020	N/A	No requirement to self-isolate
Arrived 2, 3 or 4 July 2020	In any of the following Melbourne postcodes (the original hotspots) at any point since 18 June 2020: 3012, 3021, 3032, 3038, 3042, 3046, 3047, 3055, 3060 and 3064 (see suburb names below)	Must self-isolate for 14 days from date of arrival in NSW
Arrived 5 or 6 July 2020	In any of the in the following Melbourne postcodes (amended hotspots) at any point since 21 June 2020: 3012, 3021, 3032, 3038, 3042, 3046, 3047, 3055, 3060, 3064, 3031 and 3051 (see suburb names below)	Must self-isolate for 14 days from date of arrival in NSW
Arrived 7 July 2020	In Greater Melbourne at any point since 23 June	Must self-isolate for 14 days from date of arrival in NSW
Arrived on or after 8 July 2020	In any part of Victoria in the previous 14 days	Must self-isolate for 14 days from date of arrival in NSW unless entry permit indicates exemption

NSW border restriction details: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules/border-restrictions#restricted-entry-for-people-who-have-been-in-victoria>

Note: NSW residents are not required to self-isolate where:

1. The only location in Victoria the resident has been is Melbourne Tullamarine Airport or Avalon Airport, or
2. The person entered Victoria on the Spirit of Tasmania and travelled directly from the port to Melbourne Tullamarine Airport or Avalon Airport or the NSW border, or
3. The person has completed 14 days of quarantine in Victoria after arriving from overseas **and** has travelled directly to the NSW after completing that quarantine **and** has documentary evidence by, or on behalf of, the Victorian Government to indicate that the person has completed their quarantine period.

See: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/public-health-orders.aspx>

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and assistance we understand this requirement will have significant implications on your school and university communities. Please feel free to contact the Public Health team to discuss any issues or concerns on 49246477 and use option 5.

Kind regards



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NSW Health information for people who have travelled from Victoria, including isolation guidelines: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/interstate-travel.aspx#isolation>