

Explanatory Note:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidelines for the Building and Construction Industry Victoria (**Revision 8**)

16 October 2020

Revision 8 of the COVID-19 Guidelines have been released.

1. These Guidelines have been revised to incorporate the latest updates including any relevant new DHHS Directions and best practice. **It is important to read Revision 8 of the Industry Guidelines document in conjunction with applicable DHHS Directions and the Victorian Government Business Victoria Construction Sector Guidance. Note that the Business Victoria links provide a comprehensive set of FAQ's for the Construction Sector and Related Sectors and also provides a template for a High Risk COVIDSafe Plan. Refer to the links in Revision 8.**
2. **Revision 8** includes the following changes from Revision 7:
 1. This version aligns with the Third Step 'Open with a COVIDSafe Plan' level of the Government Roadmap. **It will have application with effect from 16 October 2020**, irrespective of when the Third step is effected.
 2. References the CHO Workplace Directions as the fundamental enforceable obligations.
 3. Updates the definition of close contact as provided by DHHS.
 4. Updates the requirements for testing and quarantine for positive cases as per DHHS advice.
 5. References the DJPR FAQ's on the Business Vic website.
 6. References and links the CALD worksite resources available.
 7. References the requirement of all sectors to have a High Risk COVIDSafe Plan and provides a link to the Business Vic templates.
 8. Updates cleaning and disinfecting procedures, in accordance with latest DHHS advice.
 9. Incorporates the recent changes of Directions to wear a fitted face mask, effective 11 October 2020 and provides a link to the WorkSafe Safety Alert on face masks for the Construction Industry.
 10. Workplace Mapping section includes reference to contactless or electronic means – these are not mandatory.
 11. Provision is included for COVID Marshals as recommended for the Large Scale Sector, with guidance on their role and qualifications.
 12. Updates the composition of the B and C Industry COVID-19 Taskforce, flowcharts, attachments and minor editing.
3. Attached to this Explanatory Note is a summary of the key obligations for each sector of the B and C Industry once the Third Step is effected.