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| COVID-19  Maternal and Child Health |
| Statewide Victoria  From 11.59PM Wednesday 12 October 2022  *V52 – 12 October 2022* |
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As part of the ongoing management of the coronavirus pandemic, Victoria has made changes to COVID-19 requirements to align with decisions agreed to by all states and territories at National Cabinet.

From 11.59pm on Wednesday, 12 October, the pandemic declaration ended – and Victorians are no longer required to isolate after testing positive to COVID-19, with isolation for positive cases not required but strongly recommended.

Requirements for close contacts like continually testing negative on a rapid antigen test is strongly recommended – joining the strong recommendation to wear a mask indoors.

The Department of Health has put in place Secretary Directions to ensure there is no disruption to vaccination requirements in health service settings. These directions will allow for vaccination requirements in public, denominational and private hospitals, as well as public sector aged care facilities, day procedure centres and throughout ambulance service.

Powers also exist under OH&S laws and Departmental Secretary Directions to require vaccinations for people in workplaces, allowing employers to decide which measures are most appropriate to keep their workplaces protected against COVID-19.

Every Victorian organisation with on-site operations must keep a COVIDSafe Plan at their workplace and workplaces should regularly review and update their COVIDSafe Plan.

Please go to [Coronavirus (COVID-19) Victoria | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/) for the latest Department of Health advice.

| Key Information | MCH Guidance – CHO Endorsed Public Health Message | | Supporting Guidance |
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| **Choose to stay well**  *We can all stay well by choosing to stay ahead of COVID. Choose to stay safe by wearing a mask in indoor settings, getting together in well ventilated spaces and staying up to date with vaccinations.*  [Coronavirus (COVID-19) Victoria | Coronavirus Victoria](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/) | **Universal MCH**   * KAS consultations * Additional consultations * Telephone consultations * Community strengthening activities | **Essential Universal MCH Services**   * Standard length face-to-face (F2F) appointments for all infants and children. * All F2F consultations/appointments conducted in alignment with your updated COVIDSafe Plan * For families where a household member is positive for COVID-19, has COVID-like symptoms or they are a contact, **it is recommended** to utilise tele and web-based modalities to deliver services in the first instance.   + For a household with confirmed COVID-19 or as a contact, it may be necessary to undertake a short home visit consultation to attend to physical assessment, weight checks and feeding support that cannot be delayed for up to 7 days. This would include infants 0-8 weeks or where there is concern following a tele or web-based consultation.   + If a home visit is required to a household with confirmed COVID-19 or as a contact **it is recommended** PPE is used, see the latest advice at: [Guidance for the conventional use of PPE in primary care and community settings | health.vic.gov.au](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/personal-protective-equipment-ppe-community-service-providers-prevention-covid-19-doc) * For any confirmed cases of COVID-19 liaise closely with local public health unit for information on COVID-19 pathway program. | *Key public health advice on COVID-19 (post-Pandemic Declaration) 12 October 2022*  [COVID-19 conventional use of personal protective equipment (PPE)](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/infection-prevention-control-resources-covid-19)  [Guidance for the conventional use of PPE in primary care and community settings | health.vic.gov.au](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/personal-protective-equipment-ppe-community-service-providers-prevention-covid-19-doc) |
| **Groups including new parent groups** | **F2F groups**. No density quotient.  Services can continue to offer online support groups. |
| **Enhanced MCH** | **Essential Enhanced MCH Services**  As per Universal MCH guidance |
|  | **MCH line** | No change in service delivery |

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