

Guidance for the Pandemic (Additional Industry Obligations) Order 2022 (No. 6)

The presence of a person with a positive diagnosis for COVID-19 at a work premises is considered to pose an immediate risk of transmission to persons who attend, or may attend, the work premises.

This Order imposes additional specific obligations on employers and workers in specific industries in relation to managing the risk associated with COVID-19.

The following industries must comply with this Order:

- (1) poultry processing facilities;
- (2) abattoirs and meat processing facilities;
- (3) seafood processing facilities;
- (4) supermarket work premises and perishable food work premises;
- (5) warehousing and distribution centres;
- (6) commercial cleaning services;
- (7) care facilities;
- (8) ports of entry servicing international arrivals;
- (9) hotel quarantine;
- (10) hospitals;
- (11) schools;
- (12) childcare or early childhood services;
- (13) construction sites.

An authorised officer or inspector may conduct an inspection of the work premises and audit the records of the employer.

An employer must consult with health and safety representatives, together with workers who are likely to be directly affected in relation to the implementation of the Additional Industry Obligations.

Failure to comply with this Order may result in penalties.

This explanatory guidance does not form part of the Pandemic (Additional Industry Obligations) Order 2022 (No. 6) and is for explanatory purposes only.

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I, Martin Foley, Minister for Health, make the following Order under the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008** in the belief that this Order is reasonably necessary to protect public health throughout Victoria from the serious risk arising from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic disease.

Part 1 – Preliminary

1. Objective

- (1) The purpose of this Order is to establish additional specific obligations on employers and workers in specific industries in relation to managing the risk associated with COVID-19 transmission in the work premises.
- (2) This Order must be read together with the pandemic orders in force.
- (3) This Order is intended to supplement any obligations an employer may have under the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004** and the Workplace Orders and are not intended to derogate from any such obligations.

2. Citation

This Order may be referred to as the **Pandemic (Additional Industry Obligations) Order 2022 (No. 6)**.

3. Authorising provision

This Order is made under section 165AI of the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008**.

4. Commencement and revocation

- (1) This Order commences at 11:59:00pm on 13 February 2022 and ends at 11:59:00pm on 12 April 2022.
- (2) The **Pandemic (Additional Industry Obligations) Order 2022 (No. 5)** is revoked at 11:59:00pm on 13 February 2022.

5. Definitions

Terms used in the Order have meanings set out in Schedule 2.

6. Application of this Order

This Order applies to the whole State of Victoria.

Part 2 – Additional Industry Obligations

7. Application of this Order to certain employers and roles

(1) This Order applies to Additional Obligation Industries, namely:

- (a) poultry processing facilities;
- (b) abattoirs and meat processing facilities;
- (c) seafood processing facilities;
- (d) supermarket work premises and perishable food work premises;
- (e) warehousing and distribution centres;
- (f) commercial cleaning services;
- (g) care facilities;
- (h) ports of entry servicing international arrivals;
- (i) hotel quarantine;
- (j) hospitals;
- (k) schools;
- (l) childcare or early childhood services;
- (m) construction sites.

(2) This Order applies to Additional Obligation Industries work premises that are located:

- (a) in relation to supermarket work premises and perishable food work premises, and warehousing and distribution centres, in Metropolitan Melbourne; and
- (b) in relation to all other Additional Obligation Industries not referred to in paragraph (a), anywhere in Victoria, unless this Order indicates otherwise.

8. General obligations

Clauses 9 and 10 apply to high-risk hospital work premises.

Note: the exception of care facilities and hospitals (except for high-risk hospital work premises) as being exempt from the requirements in clause 8 does not exempt care facilities from satisfying equivalent requirements imposed under other regulatory arrangements.

9. Compliance

To assess an employer's compliance with this Order, an authorised officer or inspector (or their nominated representative) may conduct:

- (1) an inspection of a work premises; or
- (2) an inspection or audit of the records of an employer.

10. Consultation

An employer in relation to a high-risk hospital work premises must, to the extent reasonably practicable, consult with health and safety representatives, together with workers who are, or are likely to be, directly affected:

- (1) to identify or assess risks to health or safety at a workplace; and
- (2) to make decisions about the measures to be taken to control risks to health and safety; and
- (3) to determine if any risk identified under subclause (1) is either under the employer's management and control or arises from the employer's conduct; and
- (4) to make decisions about the adequacy of facilities for the welfare of workers; and
- (5) in making decisions about procedures to resolve health and safety issues, including (but not limited to):
 - (a) procedures around health and safety consultation itself;
 - (b) procedures to monitor the health of workers and the conditions of the workplace;
 - (c) procedures to provide information and training to workers; and
- (6) by a change to:
 - (a) a workplace; or
 - (b) the plant, substances, or other things used at a workplace; or
 - (c) the conduct of work performed at a workplace.

11. Additional Industry Obligations

- (1) An employer in relation to an Additional Obligation Industry work premises must:
 - (a) where the employer's work premises is an industry that is listed in the Surveillance Testing Industry List and Requirements (as amended from time to time on the advice of the Chief Health Officer):
 - (i) carry out surveillance testing for COVID-19 on its workers in relation to the work premises in accordance with the requirements of the Surveillance Testing Industry List and Requirements (as amended from time to time on the advice of the Chief Health Officer), including:
 - (A) those sections of its workforce required to be tested under the Surveillance Testing Industry List and Requirements;
 - (B) a weekly surveillance testing target of the percentage of workers that are to be tested; and
 - (ii) for industries that require workers to undergo a COVID-19 rapid antigen test, if a worker receives an invalid test result from the COVID-19 rapid antigen test, the employer must direct the worker to undertake a second COVID-19 rapid antigen test as soon as possible; and
 - (iii) for industries that require workers to undergo a COVID-19 test, if a worker receives:
 - (A) a positive test result from the COVID-19 rapid antigen test, the employer must direct the worker to immediately self-isolate in accordance with the Quarantine, Isolation and Testing Order; or
 - (B) two successive invalid COVID-19 rapid antigen test results, the employer must direct the worker to:
 - (1) undertake a COVID-19 PCR test as soon as possible; and
 - (2) immediately self-isolate until a negative COVID-19 PCR test result is received; and
 - (iv) keep records of surveillance testing of workers for COVID-19, which demonstrate that the employer has complied with its obligations under subparagraph (i) in relation to the work premises; and

- (v) provide the records required to be kept by the employer under subparagraph (iv) to the Department upon request by the Department for those records.

Note: the industries and requirements included in the Surveillance Testing Industry List and Requirements may be amended on the advice of the Chief Health Officer.

- (2) An employer is not required to carry out surveillance testing for COVID-19 pursuant to subparagraph (1)(a)(i) in relation to a worker who is a confirmed case for a period of 30 days commencing from the date the diagnosis of COVID-19 is confirmed through a COVID-19 PCR test.

12. Abattoirs and meat processing facilities, poultry processing facilities and seafood processing facilities

In relation to a work premises that is an abattoir, meat processing facility, poultry processing facility or seafood processing facility, an employer must ensure that all workers at the work premises wear the appropriate level of personal protective equipment:

- (1) to carry out the functions of the worker's role; and
- (2) to mitigate the introduction of COVID-19 at the work premises including (but not limited to) at a minimum, wearing a surgical face mask, unless it is not reasonably practicable to wear a surgical face mask in the work premises or the nature of a worker's work means that it creates a risk to their health and safety.

*Note: an employer at a work premises that is an abattoir, meat processing facility, poultry processing facility or seafood processing facility is required to comply with subclause (2) unless an exception under the **Movement and Gathering Order** applies in respect of a worker, in which case the employer is exempted from requiring that worker to wear a face covering.*

13. Care facilities

- (1) An employer in relation to a work premises that is a care facility in Victoria must require care facility workers in relation to a care facility to wear a face covering while working in any indoor space at the care facility if the worker is performing a resident-facing role at the care facility, unless an exception under the **Movement and Gathering Order** applies to that worker.

Example: where a care facility worker is communicating with a resident who is hard of hearing or deaf and visibility of the mouth is essential for communication, that care facility worker may remove their face covering whilst communicating with the resident.

Note: a care facility worker working in a resident-facing role at a care facility must wear a mask at all times while working in an indoor space including when they are not interacting with residents.

- (2) If a care facility worker is working at more than one work premises for two or more different employers:
- (a) the care facility worker must provide a written declaration to each employer to advise them that the worker is working at more than one work premises and must provide details of the other work premises to each employer; and
 - (b) each employer must maintain a record of all care facility workers who have disclosed to the employer under paragraph (a) that they are working across more than one work premises.
- (3) Despite the **Visitors to Hospitals and Care Facilities Order**, an employer in relation to a work premises that is a care facility in Victoria must not permit an employee or contractor (excluding a visiting health care professional) to enter the care facility where:
- (a) the employee or contractor has, on or after 4 October 2020, worked at another care facility; and
 - (b) at the time the employee or contractor worked at that other care facility, a confirmed case was present at that other facility,
- unless the employee or contractor is fully vaccinated or is an excepted person and either:
- (c) the following applies:
 - (i) at least 7 days have elapsed since the last time the employee or contractor worked at that other facility while a confirmed case was present; and
 - (ii) the employee or contractor:
 - (A) has undertaken a COVID-19 rapid antigen test on or after 6 days from the day that the employee or contractor last worked at that other facility while a confirmed case was present; and
 - (B) received confirmation that the results of the test undertaken pursuant to subparagraph (A) were negative; or
 - (d) the following applies:
 - (i) their attendance at the care facility is reasonably necessary to address a significant actual or potential decline in the quality of care delivered by the operator of that care facility; and

- (ii) the employee or contractor is not experiencing COVID-19 symptoms; and
- (iii) the employee or contractor:
 - (A) undertakes a COVID-19 rapid antigen test each day prior to working at the care facility for a period of 5 days from the day after that the employee or contractor last worked at that other facility while a confirmed case was present; and
 - (B) receives confirmation that the results of the tests undertaken pursuant to subparagraph (A) were negative.
- (4) For the avoidance of any doubt, the obligations on an employer in subclause (3) do not apply to a visiting health care professional entering the care facility.
- (5) An employer in relation to a work premises that is a care facility in Victoria must comply with personal protective equipment requirements in accordance with the requirements of the Department.
- (6) The Chief Health Officer may grant an exemption in writing to the requirements of subclause (3).

Note: an exemption may only be granted where it is necessary to ensure that residents are provided with a reasonable standard of care.

14. Ports of entry

- (1) Subject to subclause (2), a port of entry worker means:
 - (a) any airport or maritime port worker who has direct contact (including occasional contact or interactions) with international passengers or crew, at the international port of entry; or
 - (b) a worker or person who interacts with the environment within the international port of entry (including any worker or person who boards a vessel, ship or aircraft) where international passengers and crew are or have been.

Note: interacting with the "environment" within the international port of entry refers to handling items and/or using or being in communal facilities (such as toilets, waiting areas and seating) that have been used by or are being used by international passengers and crew. It also refers to boarding or entering a vessel, ship or aircraft where international passengers and crew are or have been.

- (2) Despite subclause (1), a port of entry worker does not include any worker who works in an international departures area of an airport.

- (3) In relation to a work premises that is a port of entry work premises servicing international arrivals, an employer must:

Note: a work premises which is a port of entry servicing international arrivals is a port or airport at which port of entry workers provide services in relation to, or encounter, passengers, crew members, shipping vessels or aircraft arriving in Victoria from outside of Australia, subject to the definition of "port of entry workers" above.

- (a) make available an adequate supply of personal protective equipment free of charge to port of entry workers; and
- (b) ensure that all port of entry workers wear appropriate personal protective equipment in accordance with the requirements of the Department; and
- (c) if they are an employer of an international aircrew service worker, keep, and provide to the Department upon request by the Department, records of:
 - (i) the date and time each COVID-19 rapid antigen test is administered to an international aircrew service worker; and
 - (ii) the result of each COVID-19 rapid antigen test administered to an international aircrew service worker; and
 - (iii) in the event that the result of the COVID-19 rapid antigen test is positive for an international aircrew service worker, the date, time and result of a COVID-19 PCR test undertaken on that worker.

15. Hotel quarantine

- (1) In relation to a work premises that is a hotel quarantine work premises, an employer must:
- (a) make available an adequate supply of personal protective equipment free of charge to workers; and
 - (b) ensure that all workers wear appropriate personal protective equipment in accordance with the requirements of the Department; and
 - (c) provide regular training to workers (including, but not limited to, an induction for all workers commencing at, or returning to, the work premises) that covers:
 - (i) good hygiene practices; and
 - (ii) advising workers not to attend the work premises when unwell.

16. Hospitals

- (1) In relation to those parts of a hospital that are a high-risk hospital work premises, an employer must arrange operations at the work premises so as to have high-risk hospital work premises workers working consistently with the same group of other high-risk hospital work premises workers where reasonably practicable, including (but not limited to):
 - (a) developing separate shifts in a way that minimises physical interactions between groups of high-risk hospital work premises workers attending different shifts;
 - (b) separating high-risk hospital work premises workers into work areas;
 - (c) dividing work areas up further into separate teams;
 - (d) providing separate break areas for the separate teams;
 - (e) requiring teams to use separate entrances and exits from other teams; and
 - (f) where high-risk hospital work premises workers are from the same household, ensuring they work in the same shift and work area.
- (2) Subject to subclause (3), an employer in relation to a high-risk hospital work premises must not require or permit a high-risk hospital work premises worker to perform work at more than one work premises of the employer.
- (3) Subclause (2) does not apply where it is not practicable to limit a high-risk hospital work premises worker to only one work premises.
- (4) Where subclause (3) applies, the employer must be able to demonstrate the systems of work which it has put in place to minimise the number of high-risk hospital work premises workers working across multiple work premises.

Example: rosters.

- (5) In relation to a work premises identified in Column 1 of Schedule 1, an employer must comply with the restrictions and requirements outlined in Column 2 of Schedule 1, except in relation to:
 - (a) an in vitro fertilisation (**IVF**) procedure performed at a work premises that is a registered facility; or
 - (b) a procedure for the surgical termination of pregnancy.

Part 3 – General provisions

17. Relationship with other Orders

- (1) If there is any inconsistency between this Order and a pandemic order in force or other requirement contained in a Detention Notice, this Order is inoperative to the extent of the inconsistency.
- (2) If there is any inconsistency between this Order and a requirement contained in the **Workplace Order**, the **Workplace Order** is inoperative to the extent of the inconsistency.

18. Severability

To the extent that any part of this Order is held to be in excess of power or otherwise invalid it is intended that it is to be taken to be valid to the extent to which it is not in excess of that power.

19. Transitional provisions

- (1) A reference in any pandemic order in force to a Revoked Additional Industry Obligations Order is taken on and after the commencement of this Order to be a reference to this Order.
- (2) Any act, matter or thing that had effect under a Revoked Additional Industry Obligations Order immediately before it was revoked continues to have effect under this Order.
- (3) Without limiting subclause (2), this Order is subject to any exemption, benefit, requirement or entitlement (however described) to which a Revoked Additional Industry Obligations Order was subject immediately before it was revoked.
- (4) This clause is subject to any express provision to the contrary in this Order.

Part 4 – Penalties

20. Penalties

Section 165BN of the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008** provides:

Failure to comply with pandemic order, direction or other requirement

- (1) A person commits an offence if the person refuses or fails to comply with a pandemic order, or with a direction given to the person, or a requirement made of the person, in the exercise of a pandemic management power.

Penalty: In the case of a natural person, 60 penalty units;

Penalty: In the case of a body corporate, 300 penalty units.

- (2) A person is not guilty of an offence against subsection (1) if the person had a reasonable excuse for refusing or failing to comply.

*Note: the **Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019** provide for infringement notices to be served on any person who has refused or failed to comply (without a reasonable excuse) with a pandemic order, or a direction given or a requirement made in the exercise of a pandemic management power. The amount payable pursuant to the infringement notice varies depending on the nature of the failure or refusal and the age of the person.*

Schedule 1 —Restrictions on Elective Surgery

Work premises (Column 1)	Current elective surgery restrictions (Column 2)
<p>Private hospitals and day procedure centres in Metropolitan Melbourne and private hospitals in the local government area of the City of Greater Geelong</p>	<p>(a) An employer may only permit elective surgery (including multi-day surgery and non-urgent surgery) to be performed if the employer does not exceed the volume cap on elective surgery procedures in paragraph (b).</p> <p>(b) An employer must ensure that the volume of elective surgery procedures performed per week at each registered facility does not exceed 50 per cent of the usual volume of allocated list time prior to the introduction of restrictions on elective surgery procedures under the revoked Workplace (Additional Industry Obligations) Directions (No 51).</p> <p>(c) An employer must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) ensure all patients requiring elective surgery procedures are prioritised based on clinical need; (ii) maintain, at a minimum, the capacity the employer's facility has been providing public health services, as of 31 January 2022. Any reduction in this capacity must be confirmed by way of written mutual agreement between the relevant private and public hospital's Chief Executive Officers; (iii) assist aged care facilities with workforce requests related to shortages caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; (iv) assist public health services operating a COVID-19 streaming area to ensure urgent public patients waiting for elective surgery are treated within clinically recommended times. <p>(d) The following services provided by an employer do not count towards the volume cap in place at each registered facility in accordance with paragraph (b)Error! Reference source not found.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) all activity undertaken on behalf of public health services or public hospitals; (ii) emergency surgery. <p>(e) An employer may only permit elective surgery procedures to be</p>

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	<p>performed in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (b) if the employer provides a report to the Department and relevant impacted public health services on a weekly basis that specifies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the volume of urgent elective surgery procedures it is performing; and (ii) how requests for support from public health services to assist with the COVID-19 response and aged care facility workforce requests have been fulfilled.
<p>Private hospitals (excluding day procedure centres) in the local government area of the City of Ballarat, the City of Greater Shepparton, the City of Greater Bendigo, the City of Latrobe and the Rural City of Wangaratta</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) An employer may only permit elective surgery (including multi-day surgery and non-urgent surgery) to be performed if the employer does not exceed the volume cap on elective surgery procedures in paragraph (b). (b) An employer must ensure that the volume of elective surgery procedures performed per week at each registered facility does not exceed 75 per cent of the usual volume of allocated list time prior to the introduction of restrictions on elective surgery procedures under the revoked Workplace (Additional Industry Obligations) Directions (No 51). (c) An employer must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) ensure all patients requiring elective surgery procedures are prioritised based on clinical need; (ii) maintain, at a minimum, the capacity the employer's hospital has been providing public health services, as of 31 January 2022. Any reduction in this capacity must be confirmed by way of written mutual agreement between the relevant private and public hospital's Chief Executive Officers; (iii) assist aged care facilities with workforce requests related to shortages caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; (iv) assist public health services operating a COVID-19 streaming area to ensure urgent public patients waiting for elective surgery are treated within clinically recommended times. (d) The following services provided by an employer do not count towards the volume cap in place at each hospital in accordance

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	<p>with paragraph (b):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) all activity undertaken on behalf of public health services or public hospitals; (ii) emergency surgery. <p>(e) An employer may only permit elective surgery procedures to be performed in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (b) if the employer provides a report to the Department and relevant impacted public health services on a weekly basis that specifies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the volume of urgent elective surgery procedures it is performing; and (ii) how requests for support from public health services to assist with the COVID-19 response and aged care facility workforce requests have been fulfilled.
<p>All public health services located in Metropolitan Melbourne except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre; and • Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) An employer may only permit an elective surgery procedure to be performed that is an urgent elective surgery procedure. (b) An employer must ensure all elective surgery procedures that are not urgent elective surgery procedures, including Category 2 elective surgery procedures, Category 3 elective surgery procedures and non-urgent non-ESIS procedures, are postponed. (c) An employer must provide a written request to private hospitals and day procedure centres each week, outlining what support is required by the employer from private hospitals and day procedure centres to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic response and provide this information to the Department each week.
<p>All public health services and public hospitals located in Regional Victoria.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) An employer may only permit an elective surgery procedure to be performed that is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) an urgent elective surgery procedure; or (ii) Category 2 or Category 3 elective surgery procedures and non-urgent non-ESIS procedures, where the employer is satisfied the hospital has capacity to do so, considering local challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic response. (b) An employer must ensure all patients requiring elective surgery must be prioritised based on clinical need.

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	<p>(c) An employer must provide a written request to private hospitals and day procedure centres each week, outlining what support is required by the employer from private hospitals and day procedure centres to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic response and provide this information to the Department each week.</p> <p>(d) If an employer intends to reduce the volume of its allocated elective surgery procedure list, the employer must notify the Department prior to postponing any elective surgery procedures.</p> <p>(e) If paragraph (d) applies, an employer should ensure elective surgery procedures that are not urgent elective surgery procedures, including Category 2 elective surgery procedures, Category 3 elective surgery procedures and non-urgent non-ESIS procedures, are reduced in the first instance.</p>
<p>Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital</p>	<p>(a) An employer may only permit an elective surgery procedure to be performed that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) an urgent elective surgery procedure; or (ii) a Category 2 elective surgery. <p>(b) An employer must ensure Category 3 elective surgery procedures and non-urgent non-ESIS procedures, are postponed.</p> <p>(c) An employer must ensure all patients requiring elective surgery must be prioritised based on clinical need.</p> <p>(d) An employer may only permit elective surgery procedures to be performed if the employer provides a report to the Department and relevant impacted public health services on a weekly basis that specifies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the volume of urgent elective surgery procedures it is performing; and (ii) how requests for support from public health services to assist with the COVID-19 response and aged care facility workforce requests have been fulfilled.

Schedule 2 – Definitions

For the purposes of this Order:

abattoir has the meaning under the PrimeSafe licence categories “abattoirs (domestic)” and “abattoirs (exports)”;

Additional Obligation Industries has the meaning in clause 7(1);

aircraft means an aircraft that is mainly used for the purpose of, or is engaged, or is intended or likely to be engaged, in a flight wholly within Australia;

airport means a facility that receives scheduled international passenger air transport services and / or passenger charter air services from international markets;

authorised officer has the same meaning as in the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008**;

care facility has the same meaning as in the **Visitors to Hospitals and Care Facilities Order**;

care facility worker has the same meaning as “care facility worker” in the **Visitors to Hospitals and Care Facilities Order**;

Category 1 elective surgery procedure means a procedure that is clinically indicated within 30 days and where the patient's condition has the potential to deteriorate quickly to the point where the patient's condition may become an emergency;

Category 2 elective surgery procedure means procedure that is clinically indicated within 90 days and is unlikely to deteriorate quickly or become an emergency during that period;

Category 3 elective surgery procedure means a procedure that is clinically indicated within 365 days but is unlikely to deteriorate quickly;

childcare or early childhood service means onsite early childhood education and care services or children’s services provided under the:

- (1) **Education and Care Services National Law** and the **Education and Care Services National Regulations**, including long day care services, kindergartens and/or preschool and family daycare services, but not including outside school hours care services; and
- (2) **Children's Services Act 1996**, including limited hours services, budget based funded services, occasional care services, early childhood intervention services, mobile services and (if applicable) school holiday care programs;

confirmed case means a worker or person diagnosed with COVID-19 and includes the period of time prior to the diagnosis during which the worker is considered infectious;

Note: the period during which a person is considered infectious is generally considered to be 48 hours prior to the onset of COVID-19 symptoms, however, alternative infectious periods may be determined at the discretion of an officer or nominated representative of the Department (for instance, in high-risk settings or if the confirmed case is asymptomatic).

construction site means a work premises at which civil works, building or construction activities take place;

COVID-19 means the contagious disease caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2;

COVID-19 PCR test means a COVID-19 polymerase chain reaction test;

COVID streaming area means any patient treatment area nominated by the relevant health service as an area dedicated to treating a confirmed case or confirmed cases, including negative pressure rooms for COVID-19 patients;

COVID-19 symptoms has the same meaning as in the **Workplace Order**;

day procedure centre has the same meaning as in the **Visitors to Hospitals and Care Facilities Order**;

density quotient has the same meaning as in the **Workplace Order**;

Department means the Department of Health;

Detention Notice means a notice given to a person requiring the person to be detained for a specified period under the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008**;

elective surgery procedure means an urgent elective surgery procedure, urgent non-ESIS procedures, Category 1 elective surgery procedure, Category 2 elective surgery procedure, Category 3 elective surgery procedure or non-urgent non-ESIS procedure;

employee includes a person who is self-employed;

employer means a person who owns, operates or controls a work premises and includes a person who is self-employed or a sole-trader;

excepted person has the same meaning as in the **Open Premises Order**;

face covering has the same meaning as in the **Workplace Order**;

fully vaccinated has the same meaning as in the **Open Premises Order**;

high-risk hospital work premises means any hospital ward treating a confirmed case or cases of COVID-19;

high-risk hospital work premises worker means any worker involved in the direct care of patients, and those who interact with a high-risk hospital work premises;

hospital has the same meaning as in the **Visitors to Hospitals and Care Facilities Order**;

hotel quarantine means a place (being a hotel or other facility or class of facility), designated by the Attorney-General and published in the Government Gazette, where people are detained in or directed to remain in, or are staying in, quarantine, isolation or emergency accommodation

at, for the purpose of eliminating or reducing the serious risk to public health posed by the COVID-19 pandemic;

inspector has the same meaning as in the **Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004**;

meat processing facility has the meaning under the PrimeSafe licence category “further meat processing facilities”;

Metropolitan Melbourne means the area within the municipal districts under the local government of the municipal councils set out in Schedule 2 of the **Planning and Environment Act 1987**;

Movement and Gathering Order means the **Pandemic (Movement and Gathering) Order 2022 (No. 3)** as amended or replaced from time to time;

non-urgent non-ESIS procedure means a non-time critical procedure that is not reported via the Elective Surgery Information System where the patient's condition is unlikely to deteriorate quickly;

Open Premises Order means the **Pandemic (Open Premises) Order 2022 (No. 4)** as amended or replaced from time to time;

outbreak has the same meaning as in the **Quarantine, Isolation and Testing Order**;

pandemic orders in force has the same meaning as in the **Movement and Gathering Order**;

patient has the same meaning as in the **Visitors to Hospitals and Care Facilities Order**;

perishable food work premises means a work premises that is predominantly a perishable food facility that is a chilled distribution facility;

personal protective equipment has the same meaning as in the **Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2017**;

port means the port of Melbourne, the port of Geelong, the port of Portland, the port of Hastings and any other port declared under section 6 of the **Port Management Act 1995** in relation to which port lands or port waters or both port lands and port waters have been declared under section 5 of the **Port Management Act 1995**;

port of entry means a port or airport;

port of entry worker has the meaning in clause 14(1);

poultry processing facility has the meaning under the PrimeSafe licence category “poultry meat processing facilities”;

premises has the same meaning as in the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008**;

private hospital has the same meaning as in the **Visitors to Hospitals and Care Facilities Order**;

public health service has the same meaning as in the **Health Services Act 1988**;

public hospital has the same meaning as in the **Visitors to Hospitals and Care Facilities Order**;

Quarantine, Isolation and Testing Order means the **Pandemic (Quarantine, Isolation and Testing) Order 2022 (No. 5)** as amended or replaced from time to time;

reasonably practicable is to have its ordinary and common sense meaning;

Regional Victoria means the areas within the State of Victoria that are not part of Metropolitan Melbourne;

registered facility means a private hospital or a day procedure centre that is registered with the Department as a "private hospital" or a "day procedure centre";

representative in relation to the operator of a construction site means the site manager, the duty holder or a registered builder;

Revoked Additional Industry Obligations Order means the **Workplace (Additional Industry Obligations) Directions (No 58)** or the **Pandemic (Additional Industry Obligations) Order 2022 (No. 5)**, or their predecessors;

school means a registered school as defined in the **Education and Training Reform Act 2006**;

seafood processing facility has the meaning under the PrimeSafe licence category "seafood processing facilities";

supermarket has the same meaning as "supermarket business" in the **Food Act 1984**, and includes supermarket distribution and warehousing (including in relation to liquor products) but excludes retail facilities;

supermarket work premises means the total of all supermarket distribution facilities;

Surveillance Testing Industry List and Requirements means the Department document that lists the industries (as amended from time to time on the advice of the Chief Health Officer) that are required to carry out surveillance testing on their workers, and also sets out the surveillance testing requirements for those listed industries;

Note: the Surveillance Testing Industry List and Requirements are available at www.health.vic.gov.au/covid-19/surveillance-testing-industry-list-covid-19 as amended from time to time by the Victorian Government.

theatre complex means the suite of rooms at a hospital where medical procedures are performed and ancillary services are conducted;

urgent elective surgery procedure means:

- (1) a procedure where admission within 30 days is clinically indicated for a condition that has the potential to deteriorate quickly to the point that it might become an emergency;

- (2) an urgent non-ESIS procedure including a procedure undertaken for the purposes of cancer diagnosis and early or overdue cancer surveillance;

urgent non-ESIS procedure means a procedure that is a time critical procedure that is not reported via the Elective Surgery Information System where the patient's condition is likely to deteriorate quickly including procedures undertaken for the purposes of cancer diagnosis and early or overdue cancer surveillance;

vehicle has the same meaning as in the **Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008**;

Note: under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008, vehicle includes any means of transport, whether used on land, sea or in the air.

visiting health care professional means a health care worker whose usual place of work is not the facility but who attends to provide health care services to a resident or facility;

Visitors to Hospitals and Care Facilities Order means the **Pandemic (Visitors to Hospitals and Care Facilities) Order 2022 (No. 2)** as amended or replaced from time to time;

Workplace Order means the **Pandemic (Workplace) Order 2022 (No. 4)** as amended or replaced from time to time;

work premises means the premises of an employer in which work is undertaken, including any vehicle whilst being used for work purposes, and including a seasonal work premises;

Note: a work premises does not include an employee's ordinary place of residence.

worker includes employees, labour hire, subcontractors (and their employees), volunteers and any other person engaged or permitted by an employer to perform work.



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