



COVID-19 UPDATE – 7 SEPTEMBER 2020

Following consultation with the relevant government agencies, Equestrian Victoria, HRCVA, PCV and RDAV advise that the [current restrictions for Stage 4 Metropolitan Melbourne and Stage 3 Regional Victoria](#), will remain in force until the *Victorian Roadmap to Reopening* commences from 11:59pm 13 September 2020.

METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE

For Metropolitan Melbourne, the First Step Commences at 11:59pm on 13 September 2020. Restrictions for equestrian activity remain the same as currently in place for Stage 4 - Metropolitan Melbourne.

Subject to trigger points and public health advice, the government MAY then move Melbourne Metropolitan to the Second Step from 28 September 2020, but ONLY if those trigger points have been met. We are still awaiting clarification of what the impact on equestrians under Step 2, Metropolitan Melbourne may be.

When will Metro Melbourne move to the Second Step?

Metro Melbourne can move to the second step after 28 September 2020 AND when we reach an average daily case rate in metro Melbourne of 30 to 50 cases over a 14 day period with public health advice regarding transmission source.

METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE ROADMAP

- Website: <https://www.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-covid-19-restrictions-roadmap-metro-melbourne>
- PDF: <http://bit.ly/MelbRoadmap>

REGIONAL VICTORIA

For Regional Victoria, the Second Step commences at 11:59pm on 13 September 2020. Restrictions for equestrian activity remain the same as are currently in place for Stage 3 - Regional Victoria.

When will Regional Victoria move to the Third Step?

When specified trigger points and public health conditions are met, then, the Government MAY move Regional Victoria to Step 3. Those trigger points are when:

- Daily average number of cases in the last 14 days in Regional Victoria is less than 5 AND
- Less than 0 cases in Regional Victoria with an unknown source in the last 14 days

REGIONAL VICTORIA ROADMAP

- Website: <https://www.vic.gov.au/restrictions-roadmap-regional-victoria>
- PDF: <http://bit.ly/RegionalRoadmap>

The current provision to care for your horse/s under animal welfare grounds is still in place. This applies to both Metropolitan Melbourne and Regional Victoria.

We must all remember that we are in the middle of a global pandemic. Victoria is at the centre of this pandemic in Australia, and how we all behave over the next few weeks determines how successful or otherwise we emerge on the other side. We understand that there will be disappointment and

frustration that there is no further relaxation of restrictions at this point, but we will continue to advocate on behalf of the equestrian community.