



COVID-19 UPDATE #27 – Updated Victorian pandemic orders

The Victorian government has released an updated Quarantine, Isolation and Testing Order 2022 (No.7) and Exemption of Specific Workers – Contacts Conditions and Other Directions (No.6), both of which commenced at 11.59pm on Tuesday, 12 April 2022 and will end at 11.59pm on Tuesday, 12 July 2022.

The objective of the Quarantine, Isolation and Testing Order is to require persons to limit the spread of COVID-19 including by requiring persons:

- (i) diagnosed with COVID-19 to self-isolate;
- (ii) who are living with a diagnosed person or who have been in close contact with a diagnosed person, to self-quarantine and undertake testing.

The waste and resource recovery sector are exempted workers as defined in the Exemption of Specified Workers as 'utility and urban worker'.

(34) Utility and urban worker means a person who directly provides or coordinates the delivery of:

- (a) specialist services to support telecommunications as a critical service during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (b) services to support the ongoing provision and regulation of electricity, gas, liquid fuels and refinery services, water, sewage and waste and recycling services and their maintenance;
- (c) domestic and commercial waste and resource recovery services (including collection, treatment and disposal services and transfer stations);
- (d) the operation of primary clinical waste incinerators by specialised clinical waste workers; or
- (e) telecommunications, broadcasting and internet infrastructure and services sector, and the maintenance or repair of equipment essential for the provision of these services.

Further information, including the updated orders, can be found [here](#).