

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I leave home?

Tasmanians should stay at home unless they need to be away from home:

- shopping for supplies or services; or
- undertaking personal exercise; or
- attending medical, or health care, appointments or for medical treatment; or
- providing social support, or care, to another person (including compassionate needs, or to facilitate shared custody, guardianship or care arrangements for another person); or
- attending school or study, if unable to be performed at the person's home; or
- attending work, or volunteering, if unable to be performed at the person's home; or
- seeking veterinary services for an animal;
- performing essential maintenance, or security inspections, of another premises owned, or occupied, by the person;
- attending another location if you have a reasonable excuse to attend the location.

Should I be going to work?

Yes you should but ensure that you follow the social distancing rules and if you can and agreed by your employer you should work from home.

If you are sick, you must not attend your workplace. You must stay at home and away from others, except to seek medical treatment.

What are essential supplies?

Food and other household supplies as well as pharmaceutical or medical supplies. Those things you may need for urgent home repairs or maintenance or getting your vehicle serviced or repaired.

As long as the business is not a prohibited venue

or service you may attend the business to shop for the supplies and services you need to keep your household running and care for members of your household.

What is a prohibited business, venue or service?

Each of the premises listed in Schedule 1 must not open or be operated (eg. Restaurants, cafes and foodcourts, with the exception of takeaway) whilst the Direction is in force.

Each of the services listed in Schedule 2 must not be provided whilst the Direction is in force.

Should I be using public transport?

Yes to attend school or work or obtaining supplies or attending medical, or health care, appointments or for medical treatment. Non-essential travel is to be avoided.

Please observe social distancing when on public transport and if possible sit in the back seat of taxis and ride share vehicles.

How often can I go out to get supplies?

As necessary - however it is suggested that you limit this to as few times per week as possible.

Should I still be sending my kids to school?

Parents who are able to provide appropriate care for their children at home are encouraged to do so.

However, schools will remain open to provide an education for those children that do attend, and will continue their work transitioning to a new operating model of providing support for home and online learning and for the support of essential service workers.



Schools will remain open for the remainder of the first term, however students will only need attend until Friday 3rd of April as Monday 6th April to the 9th of April will be student free to enable schools and teachers to complete the professional learning required to finalise the delivery of a home and online model from the beginning of the new term post the holidays.

What about child care?

Yes, if required, children can still attend childcare.

Should grandparents be looking after grandchildren?

Tasmania's elderly population is at a higher risk. Always keep elderly persons well away from any unwell children that are present in the household. This does not mean grandparents cannot see grandchildren, but extra care should be taken to avoid any contact with someone that is unwell.

Can I still exercise outdoors?

Yes, exercise is encouraged as an important part of maintaining a healthy lifestyle, however the 2 person rule outdoors applies, except if it is members of your household, custody or guardianship arrangements, exercising together.

Can I check on my neighbours?

Yes you can provide support to your neighbours, but only 2 people may visit at any one time.

Can I take my kids to the park?

Yes you can but you shouldn't use the playground or exercise equipment.

Can I go to the post office?

Yes collecting your mail is considered essential.

Can I go to my shack at Easter?

No, you will not be able to go to your shacks for school holidays or for Easter, or at any time unless to conduct urgent maintenance or repairs or a day trip security check.

Our shack communities are small, many are the place of choice for our older retired community and as is well understood retirees are older and more vulnerable. By moving between your house and your shack you are creating a great risk for our community

What about families who share custody?

Custody arrangements still need to be managed and adhered to, unless otherwise altered by mutual arrangements/agreements. Children can live at each partner's home in line with custody arrangements.

What fines or penalties will be applied for non-compliance?

People can be arrested, summonsed, and charged with penalties of up to \$16,800 or 6 month jail time, or both.

Schedule 1

1. All restaurants, cafes, food courts and workplace canteens, unless -
 - a. the premises are being used to provide food or drink, to be consumed at a location other than the premises; or
 - b. the premises are being used to provide food or drink, or both, to employees, or contractors, within the premises and the food or drink is to be consumed at another location within the premises and each person at that location complies with paragraphs (g) and (h); or
 - c. the premises are within a hospital, residential care home, homeless accommodation, school, prison, defence barracks or detention centre and the food or drink is to be consumed by the residents of those organisations.
2. All premises where alcohol is sold for consumption at those premises (including pubs, registered and licensed clubs and hotels) other than such part of those premises lawfully operated to provide alcohol for consumption at a location other than the premises.
3. All hotels, motels, hostels, bed and breakfasts, boarding houses, caravan parks, campsites, camping areas, homeless accommodation and other similar premises, except in relation to –
 - a. workers, or contractors, employed or engaged in the operation of such premises; and
 - b. current residents of such premises who predominantly reside at the premises on a permanent basis; and
 - c. current residents of such premises who predominantly reside at the premises while their principal residence is unavailable, whether it is unavailable on a permanent or temporary basis, including where the residence is unavailable due

- to a border closure, or travel restriction, preventing the resident from returning to the principal residence; and
- d. other current residents of such premises, up until 11.59 pm on 1 April 2020, unless the resident proves that the resident has booked travel on the first available flight or sailing after 11.59 pm on 1 April 2020; and
- e. residents of such premises, who are residents –
- (i) for the purposes of self-isolation or quarantine; or
 - (ii) while another person is using the resident's principal residence for self-isolation or quarantine; and
- f. residents of such premises who are residing at the premises due to the person performing duties that make the person a specified person under –
- (i) the direction given in respect of the disease by the Director of Public Health on 20 March 2020 under section 16 of the Act; or
 - (ii) such other direction, given by the Director of Public Health under section 16 of the Act in respect of the disease, that may replace the direction specified in subparagraph (i); and
- g. residents of such premises who –
- (i) are residing at the premises for the purpose of employment or for compassionate reasons, including where the person requires emergency accommodation due to an emergency, family violence or vulnerability; and
 - (ii) have only travelled within Tasmania to get to the premises.
4. All residential rehabilitation premises that are providing treatment for addiction or mental health, except in relation to –
- a. operators, or workers or contractors, employed or engaged in the operation of such premises; and
 - b. residents of such premises.
5. All places of worship, religious gatherings, religious premises, and other similar premises, unless those premises are being operated –
- a. to perform a wedding, where –
 - (i) the total number of people present at the wedding does not exceed 5 persons; and
 - (ii) each person on the premises at the time the wedding is performed complies with paragraphs (g) and (h); or
 - b. to perform a funeral, where –
 - (i) the total number of people present at the funeral does not exceed 10 persons; and
 - (ii) each person on the premises at the time the funeral is performed complies with paragraphs (g) and (h).
6. All cinemas, entertainment venues, casinos, gaming or other gambling venues, dance venues, night clubs, strip clubs, brothels and other similar premises.
7. All galleries, museums, national institutions, historic sites and other similar premises.
8. All concert venues, theatres, arenas, auditoriums, stadiums and other similar premises, unless used by performers for the purpose of live streaming and the persons in, or on, those premises during the live stream –
- a. do not exceed 5 persons; and
 - b. comply with the requirements of paragraphs (g) and (h) while in, or on, the premises.
9. All amusement parks, arcades, play centres, skate parks, playgrounds and other similar premises, regardless of whether the premises are an indoor space or an outdoor space.
10. All auction houses, other than premises used for the sale of livestock, food or other agricultural purposes.
11. All spas and massage parlours and other similar premises.
12. All indoor and outdoor swimming pools, gymnasiums, health clubs, fitness centres, wellness centres (including yoga and barre premises), indoor venues used for sport or fitness, saunas, bath houses and other similar premises or venues, other than such part of the premises or venue used to provide physical rehabilitation services if –
- a. the rehabilitation services are provided by, or under the direction of, a registered health professional within the meaning of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Tasmania); and



- b. each person in that part of the premises complies with the requirements of paragraphs (g) and (h).
- 13. All community centres, neighbourhood houses, recreation centres, youth centres, community facilities, libraries and other similar premises, unless the premises are being used to provide essential voluntary, or public, services such as food banks or homelessness services.
- 14. All premises, and all parts of premises, owned or operated by a council of a municipal area if those premises, or parts of premises, do not provide essential voluntary, or public, services.
- 15. All zoos, wildlife centres, animal parks, petting zoos, aquariums, marine parks, animal or similar premises, except –
 - a. in relation to operators, or workers or contractors, employed or engaged in the care or treatment of animals at the facility, performing an animal rescue function, or the general operation of such premises; and
 - b. for the purposes of producing food or stock.
- 4. The provision of hair and barber services, other than the provision of hair and barber services if paragraph (h) is complied with while the service is being provided.
- 5. The provision of real estate auctions and open home inspections, or other similar services, other than private home inspections of no more than 3 persons per inspection, unless the services are lawfully provided remotely by electronic means.
- 6. The provision of markets, whether held in an indoor space or an outdoor space, unless –
 - a. that market is predominately for the provision of food; and
 - b. the requirements of paragraphs (g) and (h) are complied with while the market is being provided.
- 7. The provision of boot camps, personal training and other exercise services, whether provided in an indoor space or an outdoor space –
 - a. unless –
 - (i) the services are being provided in an outdoor space; and
 - (ii) the requirements of paragraphs (c), (g) and (h) are complied with while the service is being provided; or
 - b. unless the services are lawfully provided remotely by electronic means.
- 8. The provision of social sports activities, or other exercise or activity-based gatherings, whether provided in an indoor space or an outdoor space, unless the services are lawfully provided remotely by electronic means.

Schedule 2

- 1. Subject to item 2 in this Schedule, the provision of religious gatherings, religious ceremonies, religious instruction, non-denominational ceremonies and other similar services and ceremonies, unless the services are lawfully provided remotely by electronic means.
- 2. The provision of wedding and funeral ceremonies and services –
 - a. unless –
 - (i) in the case of a wedding, the total number of persons present does not exceed 5 persons; and
 - (ii) in the case of a funeral, the total number of persons present does not exceed 10 persons; and
 - (iii) in all cases, each person present complies with paragraphs (g) and (h); or
 - b. unless the services are lawfully provided remotely by electronic means.
- 3. The provision of beauty therapy, tanning, waxing, manicure or other nail treatments, tattoos, ear and body piercing, body modification and other similar services.