

Protecting yourself from coronavirus

# Venue closures



This interim guidance is based on what is currently known about coronavirus (COVID-19). The Tasmanian Government will update interim guidance as needed and as additional information becomes available. This interim guidance is to help everyone plan for community transmission of coronavirus in Tasmania. There is **much to learn about its transmissibility, severity, and other features of the disease.** We want to help everyone prepare their response to this public health threat.

*A range of facilities and businesses are restricted from operating as part of efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community.*

**As of midnight Wednesday 25 March 2020, the following are not permitted to operate:**

- Hotels, motels, hostels, bed and breakfasts and boarding houses (excluding permanent residents and workers)  
*NB: People who are staying at all these accommodation types in Tasmania, have until 11.59pm Sunday 29 March 2020 to depart. Anyone self-isolating must continue to do so for the 14-day self-isolation period. New bookings cannot be made.*
- Caravans, camping parks and campsites (except where people live permanently or if their primary residence isn't available)  
*NB: People who are staying at caravan parks in Tasmania, have until 11.59pm Sunday 29 March 2020 to depart.*
- Amusement parks and arcades
- Auction houses
- Beauty therapy, tanning, waxing, nail salons and tattoo parlours
- Boot camps and personal training sessions (excluding outdoor sessions, which are limited to groups of 10 people and social distancing of one person per four square metres applied)
- Cafés (excepting takeaway service and home delivery, cafés or canteens at hospitals, care homes or schools; prison and military canteens; services providing food or drink to the homeless, workplace canteens can provide takeaway)
- Community and recreation centres, unless being used to host essential voluntary or public services, such as food banks or homeless services
- Community facilities, such as halls, clubs and RSLs
- Concert venues, theatre, arenas, auditoriums, stadiums
- Food courts (except for delivery and takeaway)

- Funerals maximum attendance of no more than 10 people and where the one person per four square metre rule applies.
- Galleries, museums, national institutions and historic sites
- Hairdressers and barber shops - limited to 1 person per 4 square metre rule and 30 minutes
- Health clubs, fitness centres, yoga, barre and spin facilities
- Indoor and outdoor play centres
- Libraries, community centres and youth centres
- Local government non-essential facilities and services, such as libraries and pools
- Outdoor markets (other than food or farmers markets)
- Places of worship
- Play centres both indoor and outdoor (excluding public play grounds)
- Real estate auctions and open house inspections - private inspection appointments permitted
- Saunas, bathhouses and wellness centres
- Social sporting-based activities
- Spas and massage parlours
- Strip clubs, and sex on premises venues
- Swimming pools
- Weddings maximum attendance of no more than five people and where the one person per four square metre rule applies.

It is also strongly recommended that people not gather in large groups outdoors (eg at the park) and keep visitors to a minimum in private homes.

The new closures are in addition to the following facilities, which stopped operating from noon Monday 23 March 2020:

- Pubs, registered and licenced clubs (excluding bottle shops attached to these venues)
- Gyms and indoor sporting venues
- Cinemas, entertainment venues, casinos, and night clubs
- Restaurants and cafés will be restricted to takeaway and/or home delivery
- Religious gatherings and places of worship.

## How long will these measures be in place?

These measures will be regularly reviewed based on advice from the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee.

The aim of these measures is to ensure COVID-19 does not spread in our community.

## How will businesses be supported during this time?

The Tasmanian and Australian Governments have announced significant support packages for affected businesses.

The Tasmanian Government is working with business and industry to provide advice through peak organisations and directly to businesses.

Both the Tasmanian and Australian Governments have announced significant packages of support with cash payments, tax breaks, and interest free loans to support businesses affected by these necessary changes to help stop the spread of the virus.

Affected workers will be supported with cash payments, increased jobseeker payments and the ability to access their superannuation early to assist during periods of unemployment relating to COVID-19.

## Why are shopping centres still open?

At this time shopping centres remain open to ensure that the community is able to purchase essential supplies and access services. The Government will continue to take advice on as the COVID-19 situation continues.

## What are the penalties for non-compliance?

Compliance with the closure measures is compulsory under the law.

Non-compliance with these measures can lead to fines and penalties, including three months' imprisonment.

## Where do I find more information?

More information for businesses is available at [www.health.tas.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.health.tas.gov.au/coronavirus)