



# **IMPORTANT: COVID-19 Update – Restrictions for Tasmanian employees and VMOs who have visited Victoria**

**Date:** 9 July 2020  
**To:** All Staff, All VMOs - All Tasmanian Hospitals  
**Effective:** IMMEDIATELY  
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As you will be aware, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation in Victoria is evolving. From today, 9 July 2020, the Tasmanian Government has introduced new border restrictions on travellers from Victoria.

**Any person who has spent time in Victoria within 14 days of travel will not be permitted entry to Tasmania. If visitors come from Victoria to Tasmania, they will be turned away at the border.**

There may be exceptions given to essential travellers (Specified Persons) who have travelled from Victoria. Assessed and approved by the State Controller, this is a category of person who delivers time critical functions and services to support the Tasmanian community, including health care workers. Essential travelers must wear a face mask and limit movement in the community outside of the workplace.

**Tasmanian residents who do not have essential traveller status and have spent time in Victoria in the 14 days prior to entry will now be required to quarantine in government-provided accommodation.**

- **For Calvary employees (non-essential traveller status) who have visited Victoria within 14 days prior to 9 July 2020, you will be required to take special Coronavirus leave while in isolation for 14 days.** If you are showing or develop any symptoms of COVID-19, please seek further medical advice.
- **For Calvary employees (non-essential traveller status) who choose to travel to Victoria from 9 July 2020, you will be required to use the leave types personal, carers or annual leave.** Where paid personal and carers leave is not available, the period will be unpaid leave.

**The situation in Victoria is a timely reminder to all our employees and VMO partners that we should remain vigilant of the signs of COVID-19 and continue to monitor our health.**

- If you are unwell in any way or are showing any symptoms of COVID-19, please do not attend the workplace. Notify your Manager or, for VMOs, the hospital, and seek medical advice.

**Symptoms of COVID-19 include:**

- fever;
- respiratory symptoms; including:
  - coughing;
  - sore throat; and/or
  - shortness of breath.



Other symptoms can include runny nose, headache, muscle or joint pain, nausea, diarrhoea, vomiting, loss of sense of smell, altered sense of taste, loss of appetite and fatigue.

For more information about COVID-19 symptoms, COVID-19 leave arrangements, as well as a range of other staff resources, please visit: [www.calvarystaffupdates.org.au](http://www.calvarystaffupdates.org.au)

Thank you for all that you do in the interest of caring for vulnerable Tasmanians in this challenging and evolving time of COVID-19 pandemic. If you have any questions, please contact your Manager.

If you are finding your situation distressing in any way, please discuss your concerns with your Manager. If you feel you require further support, please contact your Employee Assistance Program (EAP) at:

<http://connect.calvarycare.org.au/EmployeeEssentials/Conditions/pages/Employee-assistance-program.aspx>