

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – COVID Safe Plan and worker permit requirement for all Melbourne based port users

I want to thank you for your ongoing efforts in abiding by port controls and government guidelines, helping GeelongPort to continue to operate and support you during these challenging times.

As you would already be aware, the Victorian Government over the weekend [announced](#) Stage 4 restrictions for Melbourne, including the closure of workplaces from 11:59pm this evening, Wednesday 5 August, unless:

- the workplace is part of a permitted activity, or
- all employees are working from home.

Melbourne based businesses and services able to remain open will have until 11.59pm Friday 7 August to complete their COVID Safe Plan focused on safety, prevention and response, in the event coronavirus is linked to the workplace. Melbourne based businesses are also required to issue a worker permit to their employees if they require their staff to attend a work site. Information regarding COVID Safe workplaces including the COVID Safe plan and the permitted worker permit can be found on the Business Victoria [website](#).

GeelongPort will now require anyone from Melbourne entering and working at GeelongPort to have an individual worker permit and for their organisation to have a COVID Safe Plan in place.

Melbourne based businesses who have employees attending the GeelongPort site to perform works during the Stage 4 restrictions, will need to ensure these employees have met the requirements of the Permitted Worker Scheme before attending site. Information regarding GeelongPort's COVID-19 notification requirements for all port users and visitors can be found on the GeelongPort [website](#).

If you or any of your employees are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, no matter how minor, please do not come to GeelongPort facilities, stay home and get tested. Seek further medical advice by contacting your doctor or the COVID-19 hotline - 1800 675 398 - if you need medical attention. They will tell you what to do.

The Victorian Government's State of Disaster is in place until 13 September and further details can be found on the Victorian State Government [website](#).

If you have any enquiries regarding this update and the requirements detailed above, please feel free to contact us at communications@geelongport.com.au