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## COVID-19 UPDATE ROADMAP TO RE-OPENING, EVICTION MORATORIUM EXTENDED

VICTORIAN PREMIER DANIEL ANDREWS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT STAGE-4 RESTRICTIONS WILL CONTINUE IN MELBOURNE FOR A FURTHER TWO WEEKS, UNTIL 11:59 PM ON 27 SEPTEMBER. THE RENTAL EVICTION MORATORIUM HAS ALSO BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL 28 MARCH 2021 AND THE SAVINGS THRESHOLD FOR RENT RELIEF GRANTS HAS BEEN DOUBLED FROM \$5,000 TO \$10,000.

Four-step [Metropolitan Melbourne](#) 'roadmaps to reopening' have been detailed, however, fundamental restrictions on Melbourne's real estate operations will not begin to ease until 26 October.

### WHAT CHANGES IN MELBOURNE TODAY?

For the moment, very little. From this Sunday 13 September:

However, only permitted real estate activities can be done in person and auctions remain online only. Permitted activities are:

- **Curfew** – eases from 8:00 pm to 9:00 pm (9:00 pm to 5:00 am)
- **Public gatherings** – 2 people or a household can meet outdoors for 2 hours
- **Visitors** – 1 person may visit your home
- Services related to sales settlements via private appointments (sold prior to 5 August)
- Lease expiries (final inspections) during the Stay-at-Home period (by private appointment)
- Making arrangements associated with removalists
- Emergency rental property maintenance

Agents may not start new sales campaigns during Stage-4 if it would require them to go to the property to obtain photos or video for the purposes of marketing or an online auction. Only the resident of the house can provide such content to you electronically.

### MELBOURNE REAL ESTATE REOPENING ROADMAP

Social restrictions, exercise and gathering limits as well as the curfew begin easing from this Sunday night. The below four steps to recovery have been outlined, but are subject to 14-day average COVID-19 case numbers being within defined gateways.

- Step 1**     **13 SEP** – No change
- Step 2**     **28 SEP** – No change (14-day average cases must be between 30-50)
- Step 3**     **26 OCT** – Private inspections by appointment, outdoor auctions limited to 10 (14-day average fewer than 5 per day)
- Step 4**     **23 NOV** – Operating with safety measures and record-keeping (if health advice permits)