

# Update 33: Melbourne, Australia - Reimposes Lockdown for Six Weeks Amid Increase in COVID-19 Cases

- Australian authorities reimposed lockdown in Melbourne commencing July 8 for six weeks
- Reason is attributed to a second wave of COVID-19 infections in Victoria state
- On July 7, the state reported 191 of 199 total new cases in the country, biggest daily increase since early April
- Citizens will stay at home unless travelling for work, studying, or procurement of essential goods
- Restaurants, cafes, and bars will provide takeaway services
- Gyms and hair salons will remain closed
- Household gatherings is limited to two people
- Earlier, authorities closed border between Victoria and New South Wales (NSW)
- The second wave is expected to deepen the nation's first recession in approximately three decades
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Australian Government Department of Health (<https://www.health.gov.au/>) for latest information on COVID-19 in Australia

## Source(s)

<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/world/australias-second-largest-city-melbourne-heads-back-into-coronavirus-lockdown-5519481.html>  
<https://au.news.yahoo.com/australias-second-biggest-city-under-virus-lockdown-075403738--spt.html>

## Targets Affected:

### Australia

## Guidance

### *Actions to consider:*

- Consider implementing suggested actions related to '[Lockdown/Emergency/Extension of Lockdown/Other Restrictions](#)' under the '[COVID-19: Actions to Consider](#)' section below / next page

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Update 30: Australia - Reports Highest Daily Increase of 85 COVID-19 Cases Amid Second Wave, Totaling 7,800

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Update 29: Melbourne, Australia - Deploys Military to Contain Spread of COVID-19 Amid Concerns of Second Wave

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Update 27: Australia - Unemployment Rate Increases to 19-Year High in May 2020 Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

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Resume Operations as COVID-19  
Cases Decline

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Interstate Travel Restrictions Beginning  
June 1 as COVID-19 Cases Decline

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Pandemic Causes Five-Year High in  
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Update 21: Australia - Eases COVID-  
19 Restrictions as COVID-19 Cases  
Decline

May 8, 2020

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Update 20: Australia - Prepares Three-  
Stage Plan for Easing COVID-19  
Restrictions

May 5, 2020

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Update 19: Australia - Plans to Restart  
All Businesses by July 2020 to Recover  
Economy Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

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Update 18: Australia - Raises Concerns  
of Fresh COVID-19 Outbreak After  
Relaxing Few Restrictions; Reports  
6,738 Cases, Death Toll at 94

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Ease COVID-19 Restrictions

April 24, 2020

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Update 16: Australia - Travel  
Restrictions to Remain in Place for  
Three Months to Contain COVID-19  
Pandemic

April 22, 2020

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Update 15: Australia - Expected to Lift COVID-19 Restrictions in Major States as Reserve Bank Warns of Biggest Economic Contraction

April 19, 2020

High

Update 14: Australia - International Monetary Fund Predicts GDP Growth Contraction by 6.7% in 2020

April 17, 2020

Immediate

Update 13: Australia - COVID-19 Restriction Extended by Four Weeks

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Update 12: Australia - Forecasters Predict Unemployment Rate to Double to 10% in Q2 2020

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Update 11: Australia - Restrictions on Public Gatherings in Place Until June 29, 2020 - New South Wales

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Update 10: Australia - Rise in Confirmed COVID-19 Related Cases and Deaths

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Update 9: Australia - New Restrictions to Limit Public Gatherings and Enforce People to Stay at Home

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Update 8: Australia - Imposes Forced Quarantine of 14 Days for Returning Citizens to Curb Spreading of COVID-19

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Update 7: Australia - Businesses Report Widespread Impact from COVID-19 Pandemic; Further Disruption Anticipated

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Update 6: Australia - Announces New  
Shutdown Measures Amid COVID-19  
Pandemic

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Update 5: Australia - Reports Highest  
Daily Increase in Infected Cases;  
Brings Total to Over 1,000

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Immediate

Update 4: Australia - Declares 'Human  
Biosecurity Emergency' Amid  
Coronavirus Pandemic

March 16, 2020

Immediate

Update 3: Australia - Declares State of  
Emergency Amid Coronavirus  
Outbreak

March 5, 2020

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Update 2: Australia - Coronavirus  
Outbreak Disrupts Normal Life

Feb. 3, 2020

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Update 1: Australia - Travel Ban Amid  
Coronavirus Outbreak

Jan. 27, 2020

Low

Australia - Coronavirus Infection Cases  
- New South Wales

Jan. 22, 2020

Low

Australia - Health Alert in Place as  
Coronavirus Spreads

# COVID-19: Actions to Consider

## Locations:

- Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths
- Lockdown/Emergency/Extension of Lockdown/Other Restrictions
- Expected Extension of Lockdown
- Negative Impact on Economy
- Shutting Down Businesses
- Business Restriction / Disruption to Business
- Business Recovery / Lifting Restrictions

## Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths

- Subscribers are advised to be prepared for the possibility of a further extension of COVID-19 state of emergency, if the spread does not get contained sufficiently
- Subscribers should remain current on all government-designated guidelines and restrictions
- It is advised that current Business Continuity Plans and Disaster Recovery Plans are updated and activated as required as per the changing risk environment to ensure no or minimal disruptions
- Assess and prepare for major absenteeism and insufficient remote working capabilities
- Consider the operational impact of many services not being available due to third parties operating at minimal capacities
- Subscribers should ensure adequate internet bandwidth, hardware capacity, appropriate launch of business applications and related data, and proper network configuration is available in affected regions for remote workers to perform critical business functions
- It is advised to review talent management, knowledge transfer, and transition plans of third parties/captive units operating in the affected regions, and get a clear understanding of the steps taken in event of mass absenteeism of their teams
- Subscribers are advised to establish a support team to ensure such government measures are communicated in a timely manner to the employees
- It is advised to set up a team with excellent Information Technology (IT) skills who are available 24\*7 to guide employees working remotely to ensure no or minimum disruption to business operations
- Ensure data migration to cloud so that data is easily accessible from anywhere without taxing business network infrastructure; few cloud providers are Amazon AWS, IBM Cloud, Microsoft Azure, etc.
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- Subscribers are advised to take immediate decisions on travel itinerary changes of their own staff/team members, especially if they are traveling to or from the affected region
- Senior leaders should be made aware of the latest information on COVID-19 by consulting reports from [WHO](#) and [CDC](#)
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## Lockdown/Emergency/Extension of Lockdown/Other Restrictions

- Subscribers should establish systems to ensure employees demonstrate social responsibility, and avoid non-essential outings and refrain from participating in large gatherings
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## Expected Extension of Lockdown

- Despite the fact that extension is not confirmed yet, subscribers are advised to remain prepared for this possibility
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## Negative Impact on Economy

- Amid the current economic fallout, businesses are likely to suffer, leading majorly to cost-cutting measures by third parties
- It is suggested to remain vigilant for a decline in service levels or quality, and build contingencies to address such scenarios
- Subscribers are advised to expect an increase in cost of operations in the region, which could trigger an increase in pricing for existing services
- It is expected that some smaller third parties who are facing severe financial stress could file for bankruptcies
- In the near to medium term, Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A) are anticipated to increase as the supply landscape consolidates

## Shutting Down Businesses

- Subscribers should monitor processes and applications that may be linked to manufacturers shifting operations outside country to ensure early detection of deterioration in performance
- Subscribers should determine if they have alternative supply channels if manufacturers shifting operations outside country are critical to their business operations
- It is advised to determine strategies to make operations more resilient by diversifying markets and developing alternative sources of supply
- Identify the impact on businesses if products received from facilities shutting down operations are unavailable or delayed and implement appropriate contingency plans
- Subscribers are advised to prepare for economic disruption due to shifting of facilities outside country
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## Business Restriction / Disruption to Business

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## Business Recovery / Lifting Restrictions

- Subscribers should ensure their operations, facilities, and logistics are upgraded as employees rejoin work
- It is advised to conduct screening of employees for infections, changing office layout to comply with social distancing norms, and access to medical facilities and/or personnel
- Ensure there are staggered shifts, new commuting rules especially in offshore / nearshore locations where employees commute in company-provided transport, and new rules for cafeterias and common areas in office facilities
- Subscribers and third parties are advised to prepare for another round of sudden spikes in spread of infections as employees rejoin work
- It is advised to be prepared for reinstating lockdowns which could lead to spike in absenteeism
- It is advised to build sustainable and long-term remote working facilities that comply to client standards and jurisdictional regulations, as and when stay-at-home advisories are enforced
- Subscribers should take immediate decisions on travel itinerary changes of their own staff/team members in event of employees getting stranded if eased travel restrictions are withdrawn without sufficient warning
- Ensure these plans are accordingly reviewed to mitigate risks from future recurrences having similar impact
- Subscribers are advised to include financial health as part of any significant governance status assessments, as this event will further stress declining growth rates and put additional pressure on profitability
- Ensure order of restoration of services is in line with your expectations
- Strengthen contract terms that ensure smooth delivery of services despite the uncertainties due to COVID-19
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- Subscribers are advised to establish a support team to ensure such government measures are communicated in a timely manner to the employees
- It is advised to ensure that re-start of services is in compliance with all security and data privacy protocols
- Subscribers should confirm that any Crisis related protocol exemptions are evaluated and adjusted accordingly
- It is advised to maintain vigilance to ensure you are prepared for a subsequent reduction in services due to residual staffing effects from COVID 19 health concerns
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Supply Wisdom also published some **best practices** for clients to minimize business disruption risks as a result of the coronavirus outbreak. You can review them [here](#).

# Impact level Definitions

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<b>Immediate</b>	<b>Certain</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
<b>High</b>	<b>Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
<b>Medium</b>	<b>Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
<b>Low</b>	<b>Possible in the long-term (after 6 months)</b> - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
<b>Informational</b>	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.