

# Covid - Nillumbik U3A's roadmap (7<sup>th</sup> October)

## Introduction

On 19<sup>th</sup> September, the Victorian Government published its roadmap for the Covid restrictions over the balance of the calendar year (see <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/victorias-roadmap-delivering-national-plan>, with an extract of the most relevant parts to us in Annex A). In response, this document sets on Nillumbik U3A's roadmap for the same period, namely October to December 2021.

If and when the Victorian roadmap changes, our roadmap will change accordingly. This applies both to the rules and regulations of each 'phase' and the timing of each phase.

The Victorian roadmap effectively does four things:

1. Sets out a number (4) phases of re-opening based on the proportion of the adult population who are vaccinated.
2. Sets out indicative dates for each of these phases.
3. Sets out the vaccination requirements that will apply for participating in each situation in each phase.
4. Reaffirms the various social distancing rules that we have all become familiar with.

In developing our roadmap, here are the main principles that we have applied.

1. We will abide by all the Victorian Government's rules and regulations, as included in both their roadmap and in any of their other pronouncements. [QR check in procedures are an example of the latter.]
2. We will abide by any additional rules and regulations introduced by Nillumbik Council in both Council-owned facilities (which are most of our venues) and non-Council-owned facilities (e.g. Eltham Guide Hall). [Covid Marshals are an example of this.]
3. It is not our job to make public health decisions. Where there are gaps currently in the Victorian Government's public health decisions, we will await further clarification from them. [The rules for people who have exemptions from vaccinations are an example of this.]
4. In those of our settings where the Victorian Government's roadmap doesn't specifically mandate vaccination status, we will have worked with the relevant tutors to agree how vaccination status will be applied in their classes.
5. When we say, "we will abide", this means that all Tutors and their Covid Marshals will need to make sure that all the rules and regulations are fully abided by in their classes. Before a face-to-face class can re-start, the relevant Tutor will need to appoint a Covid Marshall, and both Tutor and Covid Marshall will need to agree to enforce all the rules and regulations
6. Individuals who are not willing to abide by the conditions in our roadmap should not attend classes.
7. We will ensure that our membership, our Tutors and our Covid Marshals are always all kept informed about the latest state of play, including the rules and regulations that apply at the time.
8. We will establish channels of communication between our membership and the Committee so that any member can contact us to discuss any concerns that they might have.
9. We encourage our membership to get vaccinated and will provide whatever assistance we can to help them do so.
10. None of the restrictions above apply to Zoom classes.

In line with the Victorian roadmap, most of our classes during 2022 will only be able to have participants who are fully vaccinated. As decided by the Australian Government ([www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/subjects/getting-help-during-coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-vaccinations/what-types-proof-there-are](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/subjects/getting-help-during-coronavirus-covid-19/covid-19-vaccinations/what-types-proof-there-are)), individuals will need to be able to prove their vaccination status by producing either 1) their Covid-19 digital certificate or 2) their immunisation history, both of which they are given at the time of their second dose. We will provide assistance as required to help people obtain, download or print these documents.

## Summary (for tutors)

Zoom classes can continue throughout, including past the end of Term 4 if the Tutor so wishes.

None of our face-to-face indoor classes, in either community venues or private residences, will re-start until 'Phase C – 80% of those aged 16+ fully vaccinated; expected 5<sup>th</sup> November'. At that time, or at any later time, the relevant tutors can decide to re-start their class subject to the rules and regulations set out in this document.

Any face-to-face class in any community venue during 2021 will be restricted to fully vaccinated people only.

None of our outdoor classes will re-start until 'Phase B – 70% of those aged 16+ fully vaccinated; expected 26<sup>th</sup> October'. At that time, or at any later time, the relevant tutors can decide to re-start their class subject to the rules and regulations set out in this document.

The main group of any outdoor class will be restricted to fully vaccinated people only. At the tutor's discretion, there may also be a separate, smaller subgroup of non-fully vaccinated people.

No class can re-start until and unless the Tutor has appointed a Covid Marshal, as required by Nillumbik Council. This Covid Marshall should be someone different than the Tutor. The Covid Marshall's responsibilities include:

- Together with the Tutor, ensuring that all the rules and regulations in this document are abided by in their class.
- Having a smartphone and being able to sign people in using it (except for selected classes in private residences and for the walking groups).
- Ensuring that every participant in the class signs in using the Victorian Government's phone app.

So, the Covid Marshall will need to be a regular attendee of the class and to arrive at least 5-10 minutes early.

All individuals will need to **prove** their vaccination status in order to attend any class (i.e. it will not be sufficient for them simply to say that they are vaccinated). At some stage during October, hopefully following further guidance from the Victorian Government, the Committee will define the systems by which individuals can prove their vaccination status. This will include a system by which individuals can send the Office copies of either their Covid-19 digital certificate or their immunisation history, with the Office then forwarding on this information to the relevant tutors. Alternatively, the individual will need to produce their digital certificate or immunisation history for inspection by the Tutor of Covid Marshal prior to the start of the class.

For each Tutor, someone from the Committee will be appointed as their liaison person to discuss any aspects of the situation at any time that either party wishes to discuss.

The Committee will keep all the tutors informed about any relevant changes to the Victorian roadmap, and thus our roadmap, including any updates on the dates.

The table below sets out the density limits of 1 person per 4 square metres that will apply for each of our venues. Note that we still do not know when the Old Eltham Courthouse will become available again for our use.

Venue	max number
DCSC - Hall	21
DCSC - large meeting room	15
Diamond Creek L&L- Peppercorn room	13
Eltham L&L - pavilion	16
Eltham L&L - training room	9
Eltham Central Pavilion – with door open	45
Eltham Central Pavilion - with door closed	22

Venue	max number
Eltham Guide Hall	28
Lower Eltham Cricket club	35
Old Eltham Courthouse	13
Wattle Glen tennis club	14
Bridges @ Hurstbridge	TBC
Allwood House	TBC
Hurstbridge Bowling Club	TBC

# Nillumbik U3A's roadmap by type of class

The roadmap below is given first for our indoor classes at community venues, then for our indoor classes at private residences and then for our outdoor classes. Following that material is a list of to dos for the Committee.

Note that the Office will re-open on the first Monday/Thursday following the start of Phase C in the Victorian roadmap (with the expected re-opening date therefore being Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> November).

## Our indoor classes at community venues

The relevant category in the Victorian roadmap in Annex A is 'community facilities'.

No indoor face-to-face classes at community venues can re-start until 'Phase C – 80% of those aged 16+ fully vaccinated' is achieved, currently expected on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Zoom classes can continue throughout.

### Phase C – 80% of those aged 16+ fully vaccinated Expected 5<sup>th</sup> November

Indoor face-to-face classes at community venues can re-start subject to:

- Everyone fully vaccinated.
- The class having a designated Covid Marshal.
- Everyone wears masks.
- Density limits of 1 person per 4 square metres.
- QR code checking in.
- Touchpoint cleaning, etc.
- The Tutor is comfortable with resuming face-to-face classes.
- A suitable venue is available.

Enforcing this will require:

- Each participant to have proof of vaccination status and either have submitted this to the Office or take it along to each class.
- Class limits by venue to be circulated to the Tutors and, if required, methods for reducing class sizes to within these limits. (Note that, in some cases, there might be a choice between a smaller class size in, for example, the Old Eltham Courthouse or a larger class size in, for example, Eltham Pavilion or Eltham Girl Guides.)
- Each tutor to appoint a Covid Marshal, for the Covid Marshal to be clear about their responsibilities, and for everyone in the class to accept the Covid Marshal's authority with regard to these responsibilities.
- The Covid Marshal to be able to sign people in using the Victorian Government's phone app, and for everyone in the class to be willing to be signed in using that app.

## Our indoor classes at private residences

The relevant category in the Victorian roadmap in Annex A is 'social gatherings, leaving home and visitors – private gatherings'.

No indoor face-to-face classes at private residences can re-start until 'Phase C – 80% of those aged 16+ fully vaccinated' is achieved, currently expected on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Zoom classes can continue throughout.

### Phase C – 80% of those aged 16+ fully vaccinated Expected 5<sup>th</sup> November

The Victorian roadmap does not impose vaccination requirements for classes at private residences. However, after discussions with the relevant tutors, it has been decided that participation will be restricted only to those who are fully vaccinated.

Indoor face-to-face classes at private residences can re-start subject to:

- Everyone fully vaccinated.
- A maximum of 10 participants, including the Tutor.
- For active classes (e.g. yoga), a density limit of 1 person per 4 square metres.
- The class having a designated Covid Marshal.
- Everyone wears masks.
- The Tutor is comfortable with resuming face-to-face classes.

Enforcing this will require:

- Each participant to have proof of vaccination status and either have submitted this to the Office or take it along to each class.
- Each tutor to appoint a Covid Marshal, for the Covid Marshal to be clear about their responsibilities, and for everyone in the class to accept the Covid Marshal's authority with regard to these responsibilities.

If a Tutor wishes, we can provide them with a QR code specific to their home.

## Our outdoor classes

The most relevant category in the Victorian roadmap in Annex A is 'social gatherings, leaving home and visitors – public gatherings' (rather than 'physical recreation & sport', which appears to be more applicable for major sporting centres).

### Phase A – 80% of those aged 16+ with a single vaccination dose

Expected 26<sup>th</sup> September; achieved 29<sup>th</sup> September

Outdoor classes will not re-start (the Victorian roadmap in Phase A limits groups to 2 people).

### Phase B – 70% of those aged 16+ fully vaccinated

Expected 26<sup>th</sup> October

Outdoor classes can re-start subject to:

- A maximum of 10 people in a group if all fully vaccinated or a maximum of 5 people in a group if either any are not fully vaccinated or of unknown vaccination status.
- No one travels more than 25Km to get there.
- The venue has re-opened.
- The class having a designated Covid Marshal.
- Everyone wears masks.
- QR code checking in (except for our walking groups).
- The Tutor is comfortable with resuming the class.

As with previous lockdowns, if a class is operating multiple simultaneous groups (e.g. X groups of 10 for walking), the Tutor and Covid Marshal will need to ensure that these groups are kept totally separate throughout.

Given that the Victorian roadmap specifically allows small groups who are not all fully vaccinated, we do not feel that it is appropriate for the Committee to centrally mandate vaccination as a prerequisite for participation in all of our outdoor classes. We do, however, feel that the Tutor of the class has a right to invoke such a mandate if they wish. Furthermore, the venue itself might impose such a mandate.

As a corollary, the Tutor of the class can decide, if they so wish, to allow small groups (up to 5) of not fully vaccinated people so long as they are kept completely separate from the other groups.

We will discuss these issues with each of the relevant tutors before their class re-starts. Maybe, if there are to be separate groups for the not fully vaccinated then they should have a new coordinator.

As per all other classes:

- Each tutor to appoint a Covid Marshal, for the Covid Marshal to be clear about their responsibilities, and for everyone in the class to accept the Covid Marshal's authority with regard to these responsibilities.
- Except for the walking groups, the Covid Marshal to be able to sign people in using the Victorian Government's phone app, and for everyone in the class to be willing to be signed in using that app.

### Phase C – 80% of those aged 16+ fully vaccinated

Expected 5<sup>th</sup> November

As per Phase B except that the maximum size of a fully vaccinated group is raised to 30 (from 10) and there are no travel distance limits. The maximum size for a non-fully vaccinated group remains at 5.

# Annex A

## Victoria's Roadmap: Delivering the National Plan

### Summary of proposed restriction levels - Metropolitan Melbourne

Note 1: The settings below are indicative only and subject to change. All changes to the Chief Health Officer's Directions are based on public health advice (including epidemiological evidence) and legal advice (including as to compatibility with the Charter for Human Rights and Responsibilities) at the relevant time, in light of the specific risks to public health and changes/measures proposed. All directions must be reasonably necessary to protect public health and the Chief Health Officer (or delegate) must act in a way that is compatible with the Charter for Human Rights and Responsibilities.

Note 2: Cleaning, signage, record keeping, and other COVIDSafe requirements for work premises continue to apply for all venues and facilities with onsite operations as per Workplace Directions and Workplace (Additional Industry Obligations) Directions. Density quotients (DQ) apply to all venues and spaces that are accessible to the public.

Note 3: All proposed easings from 80% fully vaccinated (indicatively 5 November) are dependent on the ability for venues and employers to confirm vaccination status of patrons and employees, respectively.

	National Plan: Phase A	National Plan: Phase B	National Plan: Phase C	National Plan: Phase D
Category	80% of 16+ with a single dose Indicative date: 26 September 2021 Subject to Public Health consideration of epidemiology at the time	70% of 16+ fully vaccinated Indicative date: 26 October 2021 Subject to Public Health consideration of epidemiology at the time	80% of 16+ fully vaccinated Indicative date: 5 November 2021 Subject to Public Health consideration of epidemiology at the time	80% of 12+ fully vaccinated Indicative date: Two weeks later Subject to Public Health consideration of epidemiology at the time
Social gatherings, leaving home and visitors	<b>Stay at home unless:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>shopping for necessary goods and services (once a day, one person per household)</li> <li>caregiving or compassionate reasons</li> <li>essential work or permitted education</li> <li>exercise</li> <li>getting COVID-19 vaccination</li> <li>Outdoor socialising in limited groups within exercise time limit (total 4 hours)</li> <li>other specified reasons (specific exemptions apply) Stay at home curfew from 9.00pm - 5.00am</li> </ul>	<b>Stay Safe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No restrictions on reasons to leave home</li> <li>No curfew</li> </ul>	<b>No change</b>	<b>For all settings, align with National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response</b>
	<b>Face coverings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required indoors and outdoors</li> </ul>	<b>No change</b>	<b>Face coverings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required indoors only</li> </ul>	
	<b>Private gatherings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private gatherings not permitted.</li> <li>Intimate partner visits and single person bubble visits are allowed.</li> </ul>	<b>No change</b>	<b>Private gatherings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private gatherings permitted for up to 10 people including dependants.</li> </ul>	<b>Private gatherings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By 25 Dec, 30 visitors to the home</li> </ul>
	<b>Public gatherings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public gathering allowed for personal training for up to 2 people, plus the trainer.</li> <li>Public gathering for social interaction allowed for 2 people.</li> <li>Public gathering of 5 people from 2 households if all persons aged 18 or older are fully vaccinated.</li> </ul>	<b>Public gatherings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully vaccinated up to 10 people outdoors</li> <li>Unknown vaccination status: up to 5 people outdoors</li> </ul>	<b>Public gatherings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully vaccinated up to 30 people outdoors</li> <li>Unknown vaccination status: no change from previous</li> <li>Remove mask for alcohol permitted</li> </ul>	<b>For all settings, align with National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response</b>

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Community Facilities	<b>Community Facilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed, unless hosting an essential public support service</li> <li>• Permitted for groups of 10 for essential support.</li> <li>• Permitted to remain open for 'click and collect' purposes to facilitate loaning, and returning books, toys, and other items from these facilities</li> </ul>	<b>Community Facilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully vaccinated: Outdoor only, DQ4 50 cap</li> <li>• Hosting an essential public support service permitted</li> <li>• Permitted for groups of 10 for essential support (vaccinated status does not apply).</li> <li>• Can remain open 'click and collect'</li> </ul>	<b>Community Facilities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully vaccinated: Indoors DQ4 and 150 cap, outdoors DQ2 500 cap</li> </ul>	
Physical recreation & sport  (Includes indoor play centres, indoor skateparks and indoor trampoline centres)	<b>Physical recreation &amp; community sport:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outdoor facilities open for contactless recreation</li> <li>• All others closed</li> <li>• Fully vaccinated: Outdoor personal training up to 5 cap</li> <li>• If not fully vaccinated: Outdoor personal training up to two people plus the trainer</li> <li>• Five people allowed to broadcast workout instructions at a gym</li> </ul>	<b>Physical recreation &amp; community sport:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully vaccinated: Outdoor only, DQ4, 50 cap</li> <li>• Outdoor community sport open for training only (no competition); minimum number required, spectators public gathering limits apply</li> <li>• Changing rooms closed</li> </ul>	<b>Physical recreation &amp; community sport:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully vaccinated: Indoors DQ4 and 150 cap, outdoors DQ2 500 cap</li> <li>• Community sport permitted indoors and outdoors with minimum number required, spectators public gathering limits apply</li> </ul>	
Entertainment and Leisure When an entertainment or leisure facility hosts an activity which fulfils the definition of a public event, the Restricted Activity Directions allow for organisers to apply for their activity to be considered under the Public Events Framework (PEF)	<b>Entertainment venues:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed</li> <li>• Up to five people can attend an entertainment venue to broadcast a performance.</li> </ul>	<b>Entertainment venues:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully vaccinated: Outdoor only, DQ4, 50 cap</li> </ul>	<b>Seated indoor and non-seated indoor entertainment venues:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully vaccinated: Indoors DQ4 and 150 cap per space.</li> </ul> <b>Outdoor seated entertainment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully vaccinated: Lesser of 25% or 5000 per venue. Indoor spaces DQ4 and 150 cap.</li> </ul>	<b>For all settings, align with National Plan to transition Australia's National COVID-19 Response</b>