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Victorians want COVID Stage 4 restrictions ended now – 75% of Melburnians want the 5km travel limit scrapped now

A rapidly increasing majority of Melburnians (75%, up 9% from two weeks ago) want the 5km travel limit scrapped now, as do for the first time a majority (60%) of Victorians outside Melbourne (up 15% from 2 weeks ago).

Almost three-quarters of Victorians, 73% (up 14% from two weeks ago) say Melburnians should be allowed to visit the homes of their immediate families, and 62% (up 6% from two weeks ago) want Melbourne's restaurants/hotels/clubs/cafes to be allowed to provide table service with proper social distancing according to the seventh Roy Morgan SMS survey on Victoria's Stage 4 restrictions.

Victorians surveyed were each asked the following questions to determine their attitudes towards the current Victorian Government Stage 4 directives:

- **Question 1:** "Melbourne residents are currently banned from visiting the homes of immediate family members with the exception of singles, delivering care or essential services. Should Melbourne residents now be able to visit the homes of their immediate families?" Yes 73% (up 14% from two weeks ago) cf. No 27% (down 14%).
- **Question 2:** "Melbourne's restaurants/hotels/clubs/cafes are only allowed to offer take-away or food delivery services. Should Melbourne's restaurants/hotels/clubs/cafes now be allowed to provide table service with proper social distancing?" Yes 62% (up 6% from two weeks ago) cf. No 38% (down 6%).
- **Question 3:** "Melbourne residents are currently restricted from travelling more than 5km from their homes for exercise or buying essential items such as food. Should Melbourne residents now be free to travel more than 5km from their home?" Yes 72% (up 11% from two weeks ago) cf. No 28% (down 11%).
- **Question 4:** "If a new Coronavirus vaccine became publicly available, would you be willing to be vaccinated?" Yes 85% cf. No 15%. Little changed from April 2020: Yes 87% cf. No 7%. Don't know 6%.

This special Roy Morgan Snap SMS survey was conducted with a Victoria-wide cross-section of 2,030 Victorians aged 18+ including 1,163 asked Questions 1-3 and a further 867 asked Question 4 conducted on Monday October 13 – Tuesday October 14, 2020.

Michele Levine CEO Roy Morgan, says:

"This is the seventh Roy Morgan SMS survey on Victoria's Stage 4 restrictions conducted since Victoria and Melbourne went into lockdown- COVID Stage 4. Initially Victorians, and Melburnians who bore the brunt of the restrictions, were willing to comply. However, each week has shown increasing numbers of Victorians and Melburnians wanting the restrictions lifted.

"It is now up to the Victorian Government to create a COVID Safe environment. Last week the Sixth Roy Morgan SMS survey showed only 56% of Victorians had the COVID Safe app on their phone. It is unlikely Victoria will see a reduction in cases until proper tracing is in place. This latest research shows clearly Victorians don't simply want to sit at home and wait.

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Margin of Error

The margin of error to be allowed for in any estimate depends mainly on the number of interviews on which it is based. Margin of error gives indications of the likely range within which estimates would be 95% likely to fall, expressed as the number of percentage points above or below the actual estimate. Allowance for design effects (such as stratification and weighting) should be made as appropriate.

Sample Size	Percentage Estimate			
	40%-60%	25% or 75%	10% or 90%	5% or 95%
1,000	±3.0	±2.7	±1.9	±1.3
2,000	±2.1	±1.9	±1.3	±1.0

Question 1:

Should Melbourne residents now be able to visit the homes of their immediate families?

Victorians 18+						
	Aug 25-26, 2020	Sep 1-2, 2020	Sep 8-9, 2020	Sep 15-16, 2020	Sep 28-29, 2020	Oct 12-13, 2020
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	43	47	53	55	59	73
No	57	53	47	45	41	27
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100

Should Melbourne residents now be able to visit the homes of their immediate families?
By Gender & Age

	Victorians 18+	Gender		Age			
		Men	Women	Under 35	35-49	50-64	65+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	73	73	74	68	71	74	76
No	27	27	26	32	29	26	24
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Should Melbourne residents now be able to visit the homes of their immediate families?
By Melbourne & Country Victoria

	Victorians 18+		
		Melbourne	Country Victoria
	%	%	%
Yes	73	73	73
No	27	27	27
TOTAL	100	100	100

Should Melbourne residents now be able to visit the homes of their immediate families?
By Party Vote (Federal)

	Victorian Electors	Party Vote				
		L-NP	ALP	Greens	Ind/Others	Can't say
	%	%	%	%	%	
Yes	70	79	69	58	69	65
No	30	21	31	42	31	35
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100

Question 2:

Should Melbourne restaurants/hotels/clubs/cafes now be allowed to provide table service with proper social distancing?

Victorians 18+					
	<u>Aug. 25-26, 2020</u>	<u>Sep. 1-2, 2020</u>	<u>Sep. 8-9, 2020</u>	<u>Sep. 28-29, 2020</u>	<u>Oct 12-13, 2020</u>
	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	25	39	37	56	62
No	75	61	63	44	38
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100

Should Melbourne restaurants/hotels/clubs/cafes now be allowed to provide table service with proper social distancing? By Gender & Age

	Victorians 18+	Gender		Age			
		Men	Women	Under 35	35-49	50-64	65+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	62	59	65	54	57	65	70
No	38	41	35	46	43	35	30
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Should Melbourne restaurants/hotels/clubs/cafes now be allowed to provide table service with proper social distancing? By Melbourne & Country Victoria

	Victorians 18+		
		<u>Melbourne</u>	<u>Country Victoria</u>
	%	%	%
Yes	62	61	66
No	38	39	34
TOTAL	100	100	100

Should Melbourne restaurants/hotels/clubs/cafes now be allowed to provide table service with proper social distancing? By Party Vote (Federal)

	Victorian Electors	Party Vote				
		<u>L-NP</u>	<u>ALP</u>	<u>Greens</u>	<u>Ind/Others</u>	<u>Can't say</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	
Yes	60	73	55	46	72	63
No	40	27	45	54	28	37
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100

Question 3:

Should Melbourne residents now be free to travel more than 5km from their home?

Victorians 18+						
	Aug 25-26, 2020	Sep 1-2, 2020	Sep 8-9, 2020	Sep 15-16, 2020	Sep. 28-29, 2020	Oct 12-13, 2020
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	29	40	46	50	61	72
No	71	60	54	50	39	28
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100

Should Melbourne residents now be free to travel more than 5km from their home?
By Gender & Age

	Victorians 18+	Gender		Age			
		Men	Women	Under 35	35-49	50-64	65+
		%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	72	71	72	73	65	69	72
No	28	29	28	27	35	31	28
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Should Melbourne residents now be free to travel more than 5km from their home?
By Melbourne & Country Victoria

	Victorians 18+	Melbourne	Country Victoria
		%	%
Yes	72	75	60
No	28	25	40
TOTAL	100	100	100

Should Melbourne residents now be free to travel more than 5km from their home?
By Party Vote (Federal)

	Victorian Electors	Party Vote				
		L-NP	ALP	Greens	Ind/Others	Can't say
	%	%	%	%	%	
Yes	69	76	67	55	78	85
No	31	24	33	45	22	15
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100

Question 4:

If a new Coronavirus vaccine became publicly available, would you be willing to be vaccinated?
By Gender & Age

	Oct. 12-13, 2020	Gender		Age			
		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Under 35</u>	<u>35-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	85	90	80	83	86	84	88
No	15	10	20	17	14	16	12
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

If a new Coronavirus vaccine became publicly available, would you be willing to be vaccinated?
By Melbourne & Country Victoria

	Victorians <u>18+</u>		
		<u>Melbourne</u>	<u>Country Victoria</u>
	%	%	%
Yes	85	84	88
No	15	16	12
TOTAL	100	100	100

If a new Coronavirus vaccine became publicly available, would you be willing to be vaccinated?
By Party Vote (Federal)

	Victorian <u>Electors</u>	Party Vote				
		<u>L-NP</u>	<u>ALP</u>	<u>Greens</u>	<u>Ind/Others</u>	<u>Can't say</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	
Yes	85	84	86	84	87	85
No	15	16	14	16	13	15
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100