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State and territory COVID changes

State and territory governments across the country continue to implement lock downs in response to further COVID-19 outbreaks. While agriculture remains a recognised essential industry, a number of states and territories have changed border and essential worker arrangements which members should be aware of.

Our industry falls under agriculture/food safety and critical manufacturing in various contexts. We continue to be in regular contact with Ministerial Offices and Government Departments to have our industry explicitly mentioned on these lists. The links below will take you to the current exempt worker requirements for each jurisdiction.

Each exempt worker must carry with them a letter on company letterhead stating they are an essential worker. They should keep this with them in the event it is requested by law enforcement authorities. The letter should include the nature of their work, that they qualify as an essential worker under the agriculture and critical manufacturing exemptions category and the address they are attending. If they are attending multiple sites, they should keep a diary. Additionally, any site of manufacture or distribution will also need to have a COVID safety plan for operations during the lockdown and follow mandatory QR code scanning for all workers and site visitors including contractors, freight workers, etc.

Workers must always wear masks when working indoors and outdoors and follow all health directives. If a worker is able to work from home, they must do so, even if they would be eligible for an exemption. The exemptions are to enable specific work that must be done at specific work locations.

Should any member companies have difficulty with state government authorities regarding their operations under these exemptions, they should contact CropLife so that direct representation can be made to address these issues as a matter of urgency.

[NSW](#) is now in a state-wide lockdown which will last for at least seven days.

The lockdown in [Victoria](#), which remains limited to Melbourne, has been extended for an additional two weeks. Regional Victoria is not currently in lockdown, however, restrictions remain in place.

Further border amendments have been announced from [Queensland](#). Essential workers, including emergency and health authorities, who are coming from locked-down NSW to Queensland must now have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine before entering the state. This comes into effect from Friday 20 August.

[Western Australia](#) has announced a vaccine passport which will be introduced from 17 August. Anyone arriving from NSW will be required to show a recent negative COVID test and proof of at least their first COVID-19 vaccine injection, if eligible.

Parts of the [NT](#) and the whole of the [ACT](#) are also now in a lockdown.

As always, our [COVID webpage](#) remains up-to-date with the latest links.

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