

Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic What businesses can stay open?

SUMMARY

The National Cabinet agreed on 22 March that from midday 23 March a number of activities are required to stop operating.

It is possible that further restrictions will be implemented in the period ahead. Look for updates to this advice.

Ai Group has provided input to the members of the National Cabinet and is continuing to provide input.

What businesses can't operate?

From midday on 23 March the following non-essential activities and businesses will be temporarily shut down:

- Pubs, registered clubs
- Gyms, indoor sporting venues
- Cinemas, entertainment venues, casinos, and night clubs
- Restaurants and cafes will be restricted to takeaway and/or home delivery
- Religious gatherings, places of worship (excluding small weddings and funerals that comply with the 4m² rule, which can proceed).

More generally gatherings at places such as hospitals, workplaces, constructions sites and for public transport can continue.

The clear advice is that to the extent to which a business has the capacity for their staff to work from home, they should make arrangements to put this practice in place.

What businesses can operate?

If your business does not operate in the areas listed above, your business is able to continue to operate, provided you have all the necessary safety protocols in place (see [Member Advice: NAT 009/20](#)) to restrict the spread of the virus. In addition, where your staff can work from home they should work from home.

Ai Group input to governments

Ai Group made representations to the National Cabinet (the Prime Minister and heads of the states and territories) making the points outlined in a [media release of 22 March](#).

We continue to make further representations and to convey information that members are providing us about their role in the provision of essential services and in essential supply chains.

Further restrictions are likely to be introduced and we will keep members abreast of any changes as they occur.

Do you require further advice?

Ai Group has set up a [special section on our website](#) to provide access to Ai Group advice and assistance relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For further information or assistance, please contact the **Ai Group Workplace Advice Line** on 1300 55 66 77 or email us at workplaceadvice@aigroup.com.au and an adviser will call you back.



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