



COSMETIC PHYSICIANS  
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**Victorian Stage 4 Business Restrictions**  
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The following advice is from the Victorian Health Complaints Commissioner:

*The Victorian Government has implemented restrictions to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Pursuant to these restrictions certain business must not trade.*

*On 5 August 2020, the State Government introduced Stage 4 restrictions for businesses located in metropolitan Melbourne. Under the Restricted Activity Directions (Restricted Areas) (No 6) all businesses providing cosmetic treatment services are prohibited from operating until Stage 4 Restrictions are eased. This is because cosmetic treatment services cannot be characterised as Permitted Work Premises in accordance with the Stage 4 Restrictions - Permitted Work Premises List.*

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/202008/Stage%204%20Restrictions%20-%20Log%20of%20changes%20to%20the%20Permitted%20Work%20Premises%20List%20-%20version%204.pdf>

*The Health Complaints Commissioner considers any failure by a general health service provider to comply with the Government's directions to be a serious breach of Code clause 1 and to represent a serious risk to the health, safety or welfare of the public. Code clause 1 requires general health service providers to provide general health services in a safe and ethical manner.*

*Non-compliance with the Government's directions may also represent a serious breach of other Code obligations thus placing the public at serious risk, such as the obligation in Code clause 6 to adopt standard precautions for infection control.*

In the present circumstances of Stage 4 pandemic restrictions, Victorian CPCA members are advised that any procedure that are deemed cosmetic, (a consultation that does not qualify for Medicare benefits) should not be performed until restrictions are revised accordingly.

19/8/20 Addition:

<https://hcc.vic.gov.au/news/417-coronavirus-covid-19-update---cosmetic-treatment-services-metropolitan-melbourne>