

Quarantine is compulsory for international airline and freight crews in transit

What is the quarantine program?

- People arriving in Victoria from overseas are required by law to enter mandatory quarantine to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).
- **These rules apply to international airline crew transiting through Melbourne, including freight crew.**
- Once airline crews have entered quarantine they will not be able to leave their room for 14 days or until their next flight departs Melbourne.
- Emergencies, mental health and medical reasons are the only exceptions for leaving quarantine.

What is the DETENTION NOTICE (International Arrivals – Aircrew) and why do we have it?

- The detention notice enables the Victorian State Government to detain flight and freight crew in transit within quarantine facilities, for the purpose of **eliminating or reducing a serious risk to public health posed by possible transmission of COVID-19 to staff, other residents and the Victorian Community.**
- This is in accordance with section 200(1)(a) of the Public Health and Wellbeing Act.

What are the detention notice obligations that Airline crew must comply with?

- **You must not leave the room in any circumstances**, unless you have been granted permission to do so by an Authorised Officer (Permission may be refused, including because leaving the room may pose a serious risk to public health), or in an emergency situation.
- **You must not permit any other person to enter your room** unless a) the person is authorised to be there for a specific purpose (for example, providing food or for medical reasons); or (b) the person has also been issued with a detention notice in respect of the same facility and room and for the same period of detention

If individuals refuse or fail to comply with the directions and requirements set out in this Detention Notice, **the current penalty for an individual is \$19,826.40.**

If you have questions about the quarantine program or your detention notice

- Flight and freight crew should refer to information pack provided referencing supports available during quarantine, or contact guest services via hotel phone if further information is required.
- An Authorised Officer must review your detention at least once every 24 hours for the period of detention to determine whether your continued detention is reasonably necessary to eliminate or reduce a serious risk to public health.