**Hi. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I work with Uniting (Vic Tas Ltd.) Today is 7th of September 2020 and I am sharing with you the latest information on COVID19 restrictions and changes in Regional Victoria but mainly Shepparton and Wodonga.**

*On 6th September,* the Victorian government announced a new “reopening roadmap” which will impact all people living in Regional Victoria. The roadmap is a step by step plan beginning on the 14th of September which will see some restrictions eased across Victoria, if some conditions are met. I will discuss the steps and conditions with you now.

Until 14th September nothing changes, and we continue to be under Stage 3 restrictions.

**First thing first that a**fter 14th September 2020

**Key Points:**

* Only leave home for 4 reasons: school or work (if these cannot be done from home), care or caregiving, to purchase essentials, exercise
* Public gatherings: up to 5 people from a maximum of 2 households can meet outdoors for social interaction (infants under 12 months of age are not included in the cap)
* Visitors at home for Single people will be allowed to one nominated visitor if living alone/single parent (and if all children under 18)
* Childcare is open to all children
* Schools return to onsite learning from Term 4 with safety measures
* Outdoor exercise and recreation allowed
* Restaurants and cafes open for takeaway and delivery only
* Retail: open, with density and other restrictions, hairdressing open
* Kindergartens are currently open in Term 3 and will remain open for Term 4

After 26th October 2020 but subject to the following **Conditions:** Subject to public health advice and if

* Daily average number of cases in the last 14 days in Regional Victoria is less than 5 AND
* 0 cases in Regional Victoria with an unknown source in the last 14 days

Only in that case we will have these changes as I will share now.

**Key Points:**

* No restrictions on leaving home
* Spend time with others outside where possible
* Public gatherings: up to 10 people outdoors
* Visitors allowed at home from 1 other household (up to 5 people)
* Schools return to onsite learning from Term 4 with safety measures
* Hospitality open for predominantly outdoor seated service only
* All retail open, except personal care (hairdressers open)

We will create another audio message for you prior to the week on 26th October to confirm if the earlier mentioned ease of restrictions is going as per the plan.

After 23rd November 2020 if there are no new cases for 14 days across Victoria.

**We then will have these changes:**

* No restrictions on leaving home
* Public gatherings: Up to 50 people outdoors
* Up to 20 visitors at home
* Schools open for onsite learning with safety measures
* Hospitality open for seated service only
* All retail open
* Galleries, museums and other entertainment venues open with some restrictions

**Last step would be to “COVID Normal” for which we don’t have a Start Date as yet but we will have no restrictions on leaving home, on having visitors if t**here were no new cases for 28 days and no active cases (state-wide) and no outbreaks of concern in other States and Territories.