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54% of Victorians want border with South Australia closed.

A special Roy Morgan survey into Victoria's COVID-19 restrictions shows a slim majority of Victorians (54%) say Premier Dan Andrews should close the Victorian border with South Australia following an outbreak of COVID-19 in Adelaide while 46% say the border should not be closed.

There is little difference between the two regions of Victoria with 54% of Melburnians and 53% of Country Victorians saying the Victorian border to South Australia should be closed compared to 46% of Melburnians and 47% of Country Victorians who say the border should not be closed.

Support for closing the border is driven by young people with nearly two-thirds of Victorians aged under 35 (65%) wanting the Victorian border with South Australia closed compared to only 35% that want to keep the border open.

In contrast, Victorians aged 35-49 and 50-64 are evenly divided on the question with 50% in both age groups saying keep the border open and 50% saying the border should be closed.

A majority of 58% of older Victorians aged 65+ are against closing the border compared to only 42% who want the border to remain open.

A clear majority of 60% of women are in favour of closing the Victorian border to South Australia compared to only 40% who want the border to remain open. While a majority of men (53%) say the border should not be closed, 47% want the South Australian border to close.

Compared to a week ago now 59% (down 6% from a week ago) of Victorians say wearing masks should be compulsory compared to 41% (up 6%) who say it should not be compulsory.

Views on how many visitors a household should be allowed to have are relatively unchanged, but there are now nearly one-in-five Victorians 19% (up 2%) that say household should be allowed to have an unlimited number of visitors from next week while 73% (down 2%) say household visitor numbers should be limited to ten. An unchanged 8% of Victorians say household visitor numbers should be limited to fewer than ten.

Victorians surveyed were each asked the following questions to determine their attitudes towards the current Victorian Government COVID-19 directives:

- **Question 1:** "Should wearing masks be compulsory or not?" Yes 59% (down 6% from a week ago) cf. No 41% (up 6%).
- **Question 2:** "Next week Melbourne residents will be allowed up to ten visitors to their household. Should the number allowed be fewer than ten people, limited to ten people or be unlimited?" Fewer than ten 8% (unchanged), Limited to ten 73% (down 2%), Unlimited 19% (up 2%).
- **Question 3:** "Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews has labelled South Australia a COVID-19 hotspot following today's outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in Adelaide but not closed the State border. Should Victoria now close the border to South Australia or not?" Yes, close border 54% cf. No, don't close border 46%.

This special Roy Morgan Snap SMS survey was conducted with a Victoria-wide cross-section of 1,193 Victorians aged 18+ on Monday November 16 – Tuesday November 17, 2020.

Michele Levine CEO Roy Morgan, says a slim majority of Victorians want Premier Daniel Andrews to close the Victorian border with South Australia with young people aged under 35 the most heavily in favour:

"A slim majority of 54% of Victorians want Premier Daniel Andrews to close the Victorian border with South Australia following an outbreak of COVID-19 in Adelaide – and it is young people leading the charge on border closure with the support of 65% of Victorians aged under 35 for closing the border.

“This result is not that surprising when no doubt the biggest losers out of Victoria’s prolonged lockdowns during 2020 have been young people who have been disproportionately impacted with lost employment opportunities as retail and hospitality businesses were forcibly closed during the year.

“The experience so far during 2020 shows that young people have the most to lose from lockdowns and these results show that they are keenly aware of how the likely response to another outbreak of COVID-19 would adversely impact their interests.

“Victorians aged 35-64 are split down the middle on the question with 50% in support of closing the border and 50% against, while a clear majority of 58% of Victorians aged 65+ don’t think the border should be closed.

“A clear majority of 59% of Victorians still support for the mandatory wearing of masks in the State, although this support is slipping and is down 6% points from a week ago. Again, it is young people who are most against the mandatory wearing of masks with 50% saying it should be compulsory and 50% saying it should not be compulsory. Support for the mandatory wearing of masks increases with age and 70% of Victorians aged 65+ are in favour of the mandatory mask wearing policy continuing.”

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Question 1:

Should wearing masks be compulsory or not?

	Victorians 18+			
	Aug 25-26, <u>2020</u>	Sep 1-2, <u>2020</u>	Nov 9-10, <u>2020</u>	Nov 16-17, <u>2020</u>
	%	%	%	%
Yes	89	87	65	59
No	11	13	35	41
TOTAL	100	100	100	100

Should wearing masks be compulsory or not?

By Gender & Age

	Victorians <u>18+</u>	Gender		Age			
		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Under 35</u>	<u>35-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	59	54	64	50	58	67	70
No	41	46	36	50	42	33	30
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100



Should wearing masks be compulsory or not?

By Melbourne & Country Victoria

	Victorians		
	<u>18+</u>	<u>Melbourne</u>	<u>Country Victoria</u>
	%	%	%
Yes	59	60	55
No	41	40	45
TOTAL	100	100	100

Should wearing masks be compulsory or not?

By Party Vote (Federal)

	Victorian <u>Electors</u>	Party Vote				
		<u>L-NP</u>	<u>ALP</u>	<u>Greens</u>	<u>Ind/Others</u>	<u>Can't say</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	64	54	73	72	54	51
No	36	46	27	28	46	49
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100

Question 2:

Next week Melbourne residents will be allowed up to ten visitors to their household. Should the number allowed be fewer than ten people, limited to ten people or be unlimited?

By Gender & Age

	Victorians <u>18+</u>	Gender		Age			
		<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Under 35</u>	<u>35-49</u>	<u>50-64</u>	<u>65+</u>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Fewer than ten	8	9	7	5	11	8	7
Limited to ten	73	71	75	72	67	77	77
Unlimited	19	20	18	23	22	15	16
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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By Melbourne & Country Victoria

	Victorians		
	<u>18+</u>	<u>Melbourne</u>	<u>Country Victoria</u>
	%	%	%
Fewer than ten	8	8	7
Limited to ten	73	72	74
Unlimited	19	20	19
TOTAL	100	100	100

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By Party Vote (Federal)

	Victorian Electors	Party Vote				
		L-NP	ALP	Greens	Ind/Others	Can't say
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Fewer than ten	9	10	9	9	3	12
Limited to ten	75	67	80	79	82	72
Unlimited	16	23	11	12	15	16
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100

Question 3:

Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews has labelled South Australia a COVID-19 hotspot following today's outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in Adelaide but not closed the State border. Should Victoria now close the border to South Australia or not?

By Gender & Age

	Victorians 18+	Gender		Age			
		Men	Women	Under 35	35-49	50-64	65+
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	54	47	60	65	50	50	42
No	46	53	40	35	50	50	58
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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By Melbourne & Country Victoria

	Victorians 18+		
		Melbourne	Country Victoria
	%	%	%
Yes	54	54	53
No	46	46	47
TOTAL	100	100	100

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By Party Vote (Federal)

	Victorian Electors	Party Vote				
		L-NP	ALP	Greens	Ind/Others	Can't say
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Yes	48	45	54	43	40	63
No	52	55	46	57	60	37
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100

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Sample Size	Percentage Estimate			
	40%-60%	25% or 75%	10% or 90%	5% or 95%
1,000	±3.0	±2.7	±1.9	±1.3
2,000	±2.1	±1.9	±1.3	±1.0

