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## Minutes of the COVID 19 CPVV Industry Update Meeting

**Date:** 2 December 2020

**Time:** 2:00pm – 2:30pm

**Location:** Microsoft Teams Video Conference

### Attendees

Al Martin (AM) (CPVV), Siena Rossi (CPVV), Ian Matthews (IM) (CPVV), Michelle Thomas (CPVV), Hannah Norris (CPVV), Val McFarlane (CPVV), Greg Kazuro (CPVV), Alice Nguyen, Anita Jensen, Ashleigh Cormack, Brendan, Catherine McKenzie, Colin Wells, Crown Cabs, Double Black Alpine, Greg Hardeman, Hayaf El-Fahkri, Maria Silos, Mitch Cooper, Paulina, Peter Valentine, Ray Kelsey, Stephen Armstrong, Toni Peters, Victoria Draudins.

### Discussion

- Al Martin (AM) welcomed all attendees and displayed presentation for discussion.
- AM made the following comments:

Note: all comments made are true and correct as at this point in time.

- Advised that all sources and references for information/contact on COVID 19 advice remain the same.
- Noted the Government's roadmap timeline overview; both Metropolitan and Regional Melbourne are in the final step with limited changes to the operation of CPVs.
- Discussed face masks noting the requirement is still for people 12 years and older living or travelling in metropolitan Melbourne or regional Victoria, they must wear a fitted face mask when riding in commercial passenger vehicles and ride shares. More information can be found via the below link:  
<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/face-masks-vic-covid-19>
- Advised the CPV industry will likely retain the requirement for masks even as community guidelines change. Discussed how this may impact the industry e.g. if a passenger forgets their mask, etc.
- Noted the roll-out of the whole of Victorian government contact tracing solution at the start of the week. CPVV will provide more information on how this can support industry in adopting the solution as it becomes available.
- Advised DHHS is still considering if surveillance (asymptomatic) testing is appropriate for the CPV industry based on the risk profile. Should the requirement come into place it is anticipated drivers would need to be tested for COVID-19 once every 8 weeks. CPVV will support this public health direction if it comes into effect and will provide further updates/information to industry when available.
- IM discussed the safety and compliance activities CPVV has initiated. Advised CPVV has been engaging with BSPs and drivers on cleaning activities noting the assistance from BSPs by providing real time information from drivers to assist with compliance and a better understanding of the application throughout industry. Advised CPVV will be providing a briefing session in Geelong on 3 December 2020 with plans to roll out further vehicle inspection activity as of next week. Noted that as trips continue to increase, especially as

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we are coming into event season, CPVV will continue to educate and assist industry as needed.

- Advised CPVV is also working with the major events team at the Department of Transport and other government agencies to ensure we can plan appropriately to maximise industry's activity.

## Questions from industry:

1. Attendee asked for further information on the proposed surveillance testing for the CPV industry noting the asymptomatic testing may be confusing for those within the industry whose second language is English.
    - CPVV reply – AM advised CPVV will ensure asymptomatic testing is clearly defined and emphasised via our communications. AM advised this will also be communicated across government and public health.
  2. Attendee asked to consider the logistics for surveillance testing for industry noting some towns do not have immediate access to medical facilities and may deter testing if they were to travel.
    - CPVV reply – AM advised he will share this with key decision makers to ensure the complexities of the industry are understood. AM also advised his understanding is that DHHS have introduced mobile testing facilities which may also potentially be a solution for industry.
  3. Attendee asked if DHHS are aware of the number of tests they may have to issue due to the proposed surveillance testing.
    - CPVV reply – AM advised DHHS is aware of the number of tests they may have to issue however was unable to provide further details at this stage.
  4. Attendee asked to confirm how many drivers are active and how many tests need to be undertaken including how many vehicles are currently on the road.
    - CPVV reply – AM advised CPVV continues to monitor the number of active drivers closely and advised there are approximately 40,000 active drivers across the state at the moment and noted trips are starting to gradually increase with the approximate figures at 65% to 75% compared to this time last year.
  5. Attendee asked when further statistics will be available on the CPVV website.
    - CPVV reply – AM advised there are some statistics available which are updated monthly with a plan to provide more comprehensive information at a later date.
- Any further queries or feedback to be directed to Safety Mailbox [safety@cpv.vic.gov.au](mailto:safety@cpv.vic.gov.au).
  - Advised the next COVID-19 CPVV Industry Update is scheduled for 16 December 2020 as further changes are expected.
  - AM advised if there are any significant changes they will be communicated via email, social media or text message.

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- Feedback on the industry brief or suggestions on how to improve the industry brief are welcome at any time.
- Meeting closed.