

Taste Testing for Food and Drinks

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Under COVIDSafe Settings in Victoria, Retail Stores can offer taste-testing of food and drinks, however there are steps retail stores must take to ensure they remain COVIDSafe.

The checklist can be used by retail stores to determine if adequate risk controls are in place.

Taste Testing for Food and Drinks COVIDSafe Compliance Checklist

Do you **ensure**:

- workers and customers wear face masks in line with [current requirements](#) unless they have a lawful reason not to. Face masks can be removed when eating or drinking.

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- everyone adheres to density quotients of [two people per one square metre](#)

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- cleaning and disinfecting all surfaces after each group of patrons and immediately after a spill.

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- regular cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces, including implements used for food display or serving

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Do you, in accordance with the Victorian Governments' recommendations:

- encourage good hand hygiene where fresh or sample produce is available, and ensure hand sanitiser is available for patrons upon entry and exit, as well as during sampling activities

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- do not allow sharing of food and provide individual samples

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have one person distributing sample food or drinks 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • encourage physical distancing (for example by using floor markers), and discourage crowding around food and drink samples 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discourage touching of fresh produce 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ask customers to place a bag over their hand when selecting and packing loose produce 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have one or more COVID Marshal(s) present to ensure COVIDSafe compliance 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide single-use items, such as crockery, where possible 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide waste disposal options for single-use items, such as crockery and left-over samples 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consider using Perspex shields for food display and while serving 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • keeping records of customer details, where practical, with electronic record keeping preferred. The Victorian Government QR Code Service is free and easy to use. 	<input type="checkbox"/>

Source

The information in this solution has been sourced from [Retail trade sector guidance](#), coronavirus.vic.gov.au