

### **Translated information on Whitehorse City Council website**

- Regularly updated information about Whitehorse Council's response to COVID-19 is [here](#). (Did you know that the entire Whitehorse City Council website can be translated into 6 languages? Go to the "select language" button on the top of [our homepage](#) and select from the drop-down options.
- Translated versions of the "Whitehorse Important Community Information" publication can be found [here](#).
- The most important and trusted links to translated health information are on [this page](#) under the heading "Translated Resources".

**Coronavirus testing is free for all people in Victoria** including international students, those seeking asylum or visiting from overseas. If you need an interpreter, call 131 450. For information on where you can get tested and more, [read here](#).

### **Why get tested? Explanations in your language**

Short videos that explain the importance of COVID-19 testing in Arabic, Dari, Dinka, Greek, Hindi, Italian, Khmer, Mandarin, Punjabi, Tamil, Turkish and Vietnamese are available [here](#).

**Translated information about the COVIDSafe app.** The Federal Government recently launched the *COVIDSafe* mobile phone app to improve the tracing of coronavirus cases. This [SBS article](#) provides some basic facts about the app and the information it collects. Scroll down to the end of the article to choose your language.

**Migration Council Australia has launched the MyAusCovid-19 multilingual app** to explain COVID-19 and available support. The *MyAusCovid-19 app* is available in 25 languages.

**Health Translations provides COVID-19 information in over 70 languages** including Auslan and Easy English. See the [Health Translations May newsletter](#) for new translated resources focusing on **Family Violence, Victoria's return to school plan, Influenza vaccination, Legal issues, Telehealth, Centrelink services and other 'hot' topics related to COVID-19.**

### **Family violence**

- Victoria Police has launched [videos in multiple languages](#) to encourage people from a non-English speaking background to seek help if they are experiencing family violence.
- EDVOS is the lead specialist family violence service in Melbourne's Eastern Metropolitan Region reaching 1.03 million people across the municipalities of Boroondara, Manningham, Whitehorse, Knox, Monash, Maroondah and Yarra Ranges. Click [here](#) to view information about EDVOS services in your language.
- [InTouch](#) Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence is a specialist family violence service that works with women from migrant and refugee backgrounds, their families and their communities.

**Support for Multicultural Businesses.** The Australian Government is supporting multicultural business owners to re-open safely, with fact sheets about running COVID-safe workplaces now available in [63 languages](#).

**Eastern Community Legal Centre has published two new legal brochures** for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CaLD) Communities:

- [COVID19 Information and Support](#) – This brochure is a directory of services for people who need **counselling and financial support or information about workers' rights and tenancy issues**.
- [Legal Information for CaLD Communities](#) – This brochure provides information about **family violence, elder abuse, mental health, workers' rights, and tenancy**. The services listed are free and you can ask for an interpreter who speaks your language.

**Centre for Holistic Health (CHH) is providing support for Chinese-speaking communities, including Chinese international students,** by providing the following free programs:

- ["You are not alone"](#) program in simplified Chinese
- ["Support our students"](#) program in simplified Chinese

An overview of the programs in English is [here](#).

**Swinburne University and the Sikh Interfaith Council of Victoria providing free cooked meals for international students.** Meals are available daily and students can opt to have them delivered, or pick them up from designated locations. This work provides much-needed relief for students who have been struggling due to COVID-19. More information [here](#).

**Would you like someone to call you for a chat in your language?**

Are you feeling lonely? *Conversation in Isolation* is a project run by a group of Victoria-based medical students who want to help Australians who are at risk of loneliness and social isolation during the COVID-19 crisis. Sign up and you will be matched with a student volunteer who will call you regularly - **this is a free service and volunteers speak many languages** – Mandarin, Cantonese, Sinhalese, Burmese, Vietnamese, Greek, Hindi, Punjabi, French, Thai, Afrikaans, Hebrew, Gujarati, German, Spanish, Tamil, Malayalam, and the list goes on! If you would like to register please contact *Conversation In Isolation* via:

Website: <https://conversationinisolacion.blogspot.com/>

Google form to sign up: [tiny.cc/convoiniso](https://tiny.cc/convoiniso)

Email: [conversationinisolacion@gmail.com](mailto:conversationinisolacion@gmail.com)

Phone: 0492 837 888

**Translated information for parents** about the return to on-site schooling on 9 June can be found [here](#).

**Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA) will be celebrating Australia's incredible refugee communities during Refugee Week.** [Check out the RCOA website](#) for more information and links to films, podcasts, poems, videos, songs, and more.

**Racism has no place in Australia.** If you witness or experience racial discrimination, harassment or hatred please report it. Find advice from the Australian Government [here](#).