



Tuesday, 9 March 2021

## STATEMENT FROM THE PREMIER

Early this morning, I was admitted to hospital after slipping and falling on wet and slippery stairs. A CT scan has revealed several broken ribs and vertebrae damage, and subsequent medical advice has recommended I remain in intensive care for the next few days.

Cath, the kids and I are extremely grateful to the Ambulance Victoria paramedics who showed such care and kindness to our family this morning, as we are to the clinicians who have taken care of me today.

Our warm and sincere thanks go to the many family members, friends, colleagues and Victorians who have sent messages of love and support throughout the day. Thank you.

I hope to be able to provide another update later this week. James Merlino will serve as Acting Premier while I recover over the next few days. For now, we'd like to ask that our family's privacy is respected.