

CRICKET VICTORIA COVID-19 UPDATE #21 (Feb 17 – edn2)

As has been just announced by the State Government, cricket activities can re-commence after 11.59pm tonight following the announcement that the current circuit breaker restrictions in Victoria will be lifted today.

Current restrictions that apply in general

For the full restrictions that apply to everyday life after 11.59pm tonight - such as mask wearing, restrictions on the number of visitors to your home (five), 50% work capacity etc. - please refer to the following two websites:

- Premier of Victoria Statement - <https://www.premier.vic.gov.au/statement-premier-86>
- DHHS Coronavirus website - <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

Current restrictions that apply to Cricket

In respect to the impact for cricket, the 'new' restrictions in place have effectively no new additional impact to what was in place last week. In terms of masks, all attendees at cricket grounds (players, umpires, officials, volunteers, spectators etc.) must continue to wear a mask when indoors (and when they cannot maintain a safe 1.5m distance from others when outdoors). Umpires do not need to wear a mask so long as they seek to ensure they maintain a regular safe 1.5m distance from fielders / bowlers as much as possible.

Matches, training sessions, social functions and meetings can return under existing COVID-19 protocols. The key venue restrictions are that clubs **MUST** continue to have in place QR code systems for all activities and strictly adhere to density limits (25 people indoors before density limits apply. With more than 25 people indoors, then the person per 2m² rule applies). Clubs are strongly encouraged to have your COVID-19 safe plan on your website and promoted widely. For outdoors, the density limits remain at 1 person per 2m².

As has been flagged in recent updates, the importance of adhering to COVID-19 protocols remains extremely high – especially with finals just around the corner. Key COVID-19 protocols remain in place – including:

- Adhering to any locally imposed Association, facility authority or council requirements
- Anyone that has attended a hot spot during the set times need to adhere to the DHHS advice
- If anyone has any COVID-19 like symptoms, they should not attend any cricket activities, they should get a COVID-19 test immediately and isolate until they receive a negative test
- Sanitiser for all players, umpires, scorers etc shall take place before and after each innings and at each scheduled break (max 20 overs). Drinks breaks should ideally be taken on field to reduce time taken
- Bowlers to place their own cap / jumper at designated place (not hand to teammates / umpire)
- No sweat and saliva to be placed on the ball
- No communal afternoon teas / drinks. Players should ideally bring their own food & drink bottle
- Equipment shared must be fully cleaned before being shared. The longer that equipment is left to dry after being cleaned and before being re-used, the better
- QR codes **MUST** still be used. Clubs must be vigilant with this at all cricket activities
- Councils, SRV & other authorities will continue to do spot checks of facilities to ensure compliance
- N.B.: As highlighted earlier today, turf wicket pitch preparation can commence immediately – it does not require waiting until after 11.59pm tonight

The more that cricket does to prevent the spread, the better off the community will be as a result and the greater likelihood of cricket getting through to the end of the season.

Best wishes for the remainder of the season!

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