

CRICKET VICTORIA WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATE (Oct 19)

Latest update from CV following meetings with SRV held on Friday 16th & again today. This update is further to the latest written update provided on Monday 12th (*which addressed the increase to the training group sizes from 10 to 'team' size and curation start in Melbourne*) and the verbal update meeting with Peak Bodies earlier today

Regional Victoria

No key changes impacting community cricket over recent days – including the State Government announcement yesterday.

Metropolitan Melbourne

Training

No change. No training this week. Potential for training next week subject to State Government position on Sunday 25th noting COVID-19 case analysis. The move to Step 3 in Melbourne (*which would allow training & matches to start*) is now listed as 'by 11.59pm on Sunday 1st November'. As noted last week, we are very close to the restrictions easing in Melbourne – players and clubs need to ensure patience to firstly help reduce the spread of the virus and also to avoid heavy fines.

Key relevant changes

In the new State Government roadmap, the 5km restrictions on travel within Metro Melbourne is now 25km and the number of people you gather with in public (including cricket ovals / nets) is now listed as - a household (or up to 10 people from 2 households). People from 2 households can gather at the nets, but metro clubs are instructed by the State Government to not conduct cricket training this week.

Recommendations for this week

- Players should continue individual or pairs fitness / cricket skills at home or at the oval/nets
- If not done already, clubs should:
 - establish a COVID-19 plan and have this endorsed by the club & council in preparation for training to commence; &
 - commence planning for being COVID-19 ready to train by the weekend
- Hope that the COVID-19 numbers are such that on Sunday 25th, the State Government can allow outdoor cricket training to commence from Monday 26th

Other matters for noting

Metro comp start dates?

Cricket Victoria recommends that community competitions stick to existing round one plans at this stage – noting this is the Association call to make. The potential return to train date post October 26 onwards was used for the Nov 14 round one recommendation provided back in mid-September and this return to train date is still possible. Maximising the number of matches played this season (even with a very short pre-season) is advisable – especially with a likely wetter summer than normal. Bowlers can commence getting their pre-season bowling loads up in the nets already &/or use resistance bands to reduce the chances of injury for bowlers.

25km travel in Melbourne

Whilst this is subject to change from the State Government based on COVID-19 case analysis, the 25km Metropolitan travel restriction is currently earmarked to be removed by 1 November.

“Ring of Steel”

CV is very aware that, like all community sports, individual clubs and individual players / coaches are affected by the inability to currently travel through the ‘ring of steel’ between Metropolitan Melbourne and Regional Victoria. CV will continue to work closely with the State Government to ascertain if players / coaches can do this in coming weeks – possibly with a permit for match day.

Number of groups at each training session

In regional Victoria (& when Metropolitan Melbourne returns soon) training groups need to be fully separated from one another at a cricket facility, Groups can swap areas at a training session but not mix. Training balls should stay with each group for the session. The number of players in each group can be up to the normal team size.

CV is seeking support from the State Government to be able to increase the number of groups at training sessions at the same time. At any one time, this is currently limited to one team in the nets (regardless of how many nets are in the ‘bank’ of nets), plus 2 groups on each ½ of each oval. Additionally, coaches who can monitor one or more groups (but not be part of the group).

CV editable Plan

The CV editable plan is being updated and will be circulated this week. To make it easier for all, the latest version of the document itself is being condensed as a holistic editable plan. The various individual segments included in the current version, will be separated as resources available on the CV website. This will allow these sections / pages to be updated without the need to update the editable plan each week / fortnight. This would save clubs from regularly needing to endorse a new plan as often and be assured that they can access the latest additional resources at any time.

Associations and Clubs can develop their own COVID-19 plan, however if wanting to use the CV template, you should therefore look out for the new editable plan in coming days. In addition, Associations and Clubs should continue to monitor the [CV website](#) for a range of additional resources for consideration and assistance. These include:

- 40-50 FAQs
- Training guides – n.b a new training summary guide based on learnings from regional Victoria over recent weeks will be added in coming days
- Match day information
- Recent webinars
- Links to both free & at cost posters / signage as well as links to purchase hygiene products and more

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