

CRICKET VICTORIA WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATE #13 (Dec 1)

Despite some very hot & wet conditions, great that all senior & junior competitions across Victoria are now underway with many Woolworths Cricket Blast programs now making a start too.

There are no significant changes to report this week.

Although some further announcements are expected from the State Government this coming weekend, it is unlikely to affect cricket as much as the recent changes have.

"Venue" definition – relevant to the maximum of 500 people cap

Where clubs play at a large outdoor sporting complex that is used by several sports at the same time – e.g. cricket plus tennis plus softball etc. – and the sports play in clearly defined and separated areas (using separate changerooms etc.) each sport can have up to 500 at each of their facilities – it is not a cumulative total for all the sports combined. *N.B.: The 500 maximum figure may be removed soon by the State Government.*

Is it ok to hire a Mini-bus to get players to away games?

The same guidance as provided in the [CV FAQs](#) for car-pooling applies. It should be avoided where possible. If it is needed then, in addition to normal safeguarding children practices (permission from parents, working with children checks in place for adults traveling with children), COVID-19 protocols are also required – wear masks when in the car, open windows (or have the air set to flow - not recirculated), spread out as much as possible, sanitise hands and clean the vehicle touch points.

Some key reminders:

- **Community cricket is different to what is seen on TV**
With great numbers watching the WBBL and the start of the international summer of cricket for Men, it is timely for clubs to remind players that players playing elite cricket are living in 'bubble' type environments where they are subject to stricter COVID-19 protocols & testing. So, things like using sweat on the ball, holding other players caps, not having sanitiser breaks etc are ok for the elite but not appropriate just yet for community cricket. These aspects may change for community cricket after the xmas break pending COVID-19 numbers over the course of the next month or so.
- **Facilities can be open**
Subject to council endorsement, all areas of the cricket club facility can be opened and used. This includes the canteen, bar, changerooms & showers etc. It is just a reminder that any areas opened and used will need to be cleaned before use (especially high touch point areas). In addition to liquor licence compliance, density limits are currently set at 1 person / 4m² for all rooms (unless it is for a seated function with food in a social room smaller than 200sqm – where the calculation for this area only is 1 / 2m² - up to a max of 50 seated people). [A density signage poster](#) is to be used for all indoor rooms.
- **Masks use**
Masks continue to be required when indoors and also are required outdoors (off-field) when you cannot maintain 1.5m distance at all times (e.g. batting team watching or scorers sitting within 1.5m of each other).
- **Sanitiser breaks (bowlers, fielders and umpires)**
Are to be at least once per 20 overs - ideally aligned to be at the same time as drinks breaks.
- **Key documents in other languages**
The initial versions of 2 key posters in each of the following languages – Hindi, Urdu, Sinhalese, Bengali, Sinhalese - were uploaded to the [CV website](#) last week. Following the recent changes to the mask wearing rules, these have been updated and will be uploaded as new versions in the next 24-48 hours on the CV site. Clubs with players &/or families who speak these languages are encouraged to use the posters.
- **Various FAQs**
FAQs, including a new one of what to do should a positive case arise at the club, are on the [FAQ section](#) of the CV website as a key resource for answers most questions from clubs.

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