

## CRICKET VICTORIA WEEKLY COVID-19 UPDATE (Oct 26)

Latest update from CV following the [press conference](#) from the Victorian Premier earlier this afternoon (& this builds on the update provided yesterday afternoon). **A great result for cricket in Melbourne!** Further clarity will be sought over coming days on the finer detail however key updates include:

### Regional Victoria

Further details regarding density limits per venue should be checked with local councils.

### Metropolitan Melbourne

#### Training

As of 11.59pm on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October, cricket training and matches can now commence for all age groups in Melbourne (Under-age and Open-age). A great result! As noted yesterday, clubs still yet to develop a COVID-19 plan can use the template on the CV website ([latest version as at October 22](#)). Having a COVID-19 plan and Council agreement is essential for all clubs to start.

As re-enforced regularly, check out the range of resources on the CV website – including the latest [Return to training plan](#) (including advice for clubs before the 1<sup>st</sup> session is held) plus other useful one page guides – group size guidelines, player commitment statement, QR code poster, safety officer register etc, plus close to 50 FAQs and links to all key webinars. N.B.: The cricket specific roadmap and numerous FAQs will now be updated over coming days with this latest information.

#### 25km travel restriction & Ring of Steel removed from 11.59pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November

In the new State Government roadmap, the 25km restrictions on travel within Metro Melbourne and the Metropolitan / Regional “Ring of Steel” will be removed from 11.59pm on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Therefore, players who are based more than 25km from their club training facility and those needing to travel across the “Ring of Steel” cannot attend until then. To cover the next 1-2 weeks, clubs can complete a [“DHHS Worker Permit”](#) for paid coaches - noting that paid coaches cannot conduct employment from home when training starts. This will only be required until Nov 8.

#### Matches

Associations can now re-assess the round one start date with certainty. Many will no doubt stick with current plans in place already or delay this to allow an extra week for round one preparation. N.B.: A decision will be made in the next 24-48 hours as to whether Premier Cricket starts on November 21 or is delayed 1-2 weeks.

#### Ongoing changes

As noted constantly over recent months, the initial restrictions in place will likely ease in coming weeks / months subject to ongoing positive COVID-19 case numbers.

#### Thank you

As noted yesterday, Peak Bodies, Associations, Clubs and their players / officials should be congratulated for their patience, persistence and planning to date over recent months. It has been a pre-season like no other, but to have over 3,000 attendees at the CV COVID-19 webinars and the countless hours of every cricket organisation in Victoria planning for the season ahead - is fantastic!

Good luck with getting underway and reach out to your local council, Association &/or Regional Cricket Victoria representatives if you need help.

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