

CRICKET VICTORIA COVID-19 UPDATE #17 (Feb 4)

As has been widely covered in the media overnight and this morning, a highly infectious strain of COVID-19 has been detected in the community in Melbourne and the State Government has made some announcements in respect to the impact that it has on Victorians. From a cricket perspective, these changes are quite minor however, please note the following and share widely amongst your network.

Masks required when indoors

Masks at all cricket activities (training, match day, functions, meetings) are now required by all people involved in cricket when indoors. This includes players, umpires, volunteers, administrators, spectators etc.

Masks should continue to be worn when outdoors when you cannot keep a 1.5m distance from others.

New list of hot spots

This morning DHHS has provided a current list of 14 known hot spots following the published case – see the detail here - <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/case-locations-and-outbreaks-covid-19>. The mostly south eastern suburbs locations should be reviewed by all to see whether they have attended any of the locations. The list includes places as far West as West Melbourne / Melbourne, southern locations such as Brighton / Moorabbin and suburbs further out such as Springvale / Noble Park. This therefore applies to everyone but most significantly to clubs in Associations in the geographic areas – including, but not limited to CSB, DDCA, ISEC, MCA, Premier Cricket, SECA, VSCA, VSDCA, WCCC etc. plus relevant indoor cricket centres.

As per DHHS advice, anyone who has visited these Tier 1 exposure sites during these times must immediately isolate, get a coronavirus (COVID-19) test, and remain isolated for 14 days. This therefore rules out cricket attendance during this time.

CV Resources & FAQs

For further assistance and guidance, please refer to the CV resources & FAQs - <https://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/clubs-support/covid-19/>. Information includes the following:

- Editable COVID-19 Plan, match day plans, separate training guide, 1-page roadmap, resources link
- Documents in other languages - Hindi, Urdu, Sinhalese, Bengali, Pashto (update completed asap)
- Various FAQs – including a new one of what to do should a positive case arise at the club.

Key reminders

- Masks are now required when indoors and any attendees at the hot spots 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
- QR codes are still required to be used
- Councils, SRV & other authorities will continue to do spot checks of facilities to ensure compliance

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.

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