

CRICKET VICTORIA COVID-19 UPDATE (August 19, 2021)

Turf wicket preparations

Cricket Victoria can provide clarity around whether Turf Wicket Maintenance (training wickets & centre wicket block) can be undertaken as permitted work during the current COVID-19 lockdown restrictions in place in Metropolitan Melbourne - currently in place until September 2, 2021. Based on the current wording of 'authorised providers' on the Coronavirus website, maintenance can be undertaken due to the need to maintain / repair the turf wickets to ensure that they are prepared for safe commencement of cricket training / matches when such activities are permitted to resume. Please note the following:

- Turf wicket maintenance / repairs is currently deemed a permitted activity (as at 19/8/21) in Melbourne in accordance with the following description on the [Coronavirus website](#)
 - *The following businesses can open under restrictions. If their employees are unable to work from home they can leave home to attend work.*
 - *Services that operate solely outdoors where physical distancing can be maintained at all times. Solo work only unless additional workers are required for safety reasons:*
 - *Outdoor maintenance, repairs, and cleaning, including at occupied premises.*
- Where the maintenance / repairs are to be conducted by the council or a third party contractor:
 - If they chose to conduct the work, the council or third party contractor would obviously strictly follow COVID-19 safe practices (social distancing, masks use, sanitiser, [worker permit form](#) etc.)
- Where the maintenance is to be conducted by club volunteers on behalf of the council / land manager:
 - The club may only conduct any maintenance / repairs after receipt of written endorsement from the council (or land manager as the case may be) to do so. Failure to receive written endorsement will result in the club needing to wait to conduct maintenance / repair work until written permission is received. If written permission is received, the club volunteer(s) must adhere to strict COVID-19 safe practices at all times (social distancing, mask use, sanitiser use, QR code check-in, curfew, [worker permit form](#) etc.)

Reminder: Under current lockdown restrictions in Metropolitan Melbourne, no form of sanctioned or unsanctioned cricket training can take place yet. Up to 2 hours of exercise with members of your household or one other person is permitted noting normal COVID-19 safe practices must be adhered to.

Cricket Victoria website: COVID-19 section enhancement

Pleasingly, these regular & ongoing updates will now be publicly available on the COVID-19 section of the CV website (along with historical updates).

Other recent enhancements to the COVID-19 section of the CV website include:

- Updates to the FAQ section and the latest editable COVID-19 plan were added
- Any outdated documents have been removed
- New posters have been added – including some additional posters in different languages to further support clubs with diverse player / supporter bases

Please therefore check the COVID-19 section of the CV website regularly for updates as they come to hand via <https://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/clubs-support/covid-19/>

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