

CRICKET VICTORIA COVID-19 UPDATE (October 18, 2021)

RETURN TO TRAINING & MATCHES

As widely reported, metropolitan Melbourne will end its lockdown at 11.59pm on Thursday 21st, 2021. The two most pleasing aspects (from a cricket perspective) are:

- Metropolitan Cricket training is permitted from Friday 22nd onwards
- The metropolitan travel limit will be removed – allowing those who live more than 15km from their home club training base will be able to attend training

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

N.B.: The below is based on information currently available from the State Government. It is subject to change and subject to the detailed 70% Double Dose “Restricted Activity Directions” wording that is yet to be released by the State Government. The below should be used as a current guide for clubs.

@ 70% DOUBLE DOSE (Friday Oct 22)

METRO MELB	REGIONAL VIC
<p>No matches v other opponents</p> <p>Organised training permitted Nets, centre wicket training & match simulation (“intra-club”) training permitted – N.B.: no club v opposition club sessions until 80% double dose</p> <p>No group size limit (only those who need to be there – coaches / players)</p> <p>Change rooms / social rooms to remain closed (except toilet access)</p> <p>Only fully vaccinated ‘permitted workers’ (e.g. coaches employed by the club) with a worker permit can cross between Metro & Regional Vic</p>	<p>No matches v other opponents</p> <p>Organised training permitted Nets, centre wicket training & match simulation (“intra-club”) training permitted – N.B.: no club v opposition club sessions until 80% double dose</p> <p>Spectators ‘allowed’ – however should be discouraged until we reach 80% (up to 100 people max per venue)</p> <p>Woolworths Cricket Blast Program possible (in line with density limits) – however highly recommended to commence after reaching 80% double dose vaccination levels</p> <p>Canteen / bars can be open in line with food, drink & liquor licence rules for outdoor consumption</p> <p>Only fully vaccinated ‘permitted workers’ (e.g. coaches employed by the club) with a worker permit can cross between Metro & Regional Vic</p>

@ 80% DOUBLE DOSE (after approx. Nov 1)

STATEWIDE
<p>Matches & Woolworths Cricket Blast program permitted</p> <p>Unknown State Government position re: mandatory vaccination to play, coach or umpire</p> <p>Spectators permitted (likely up to 1:2sqm outdoors - max. 500 & 1:4sqm indoors – max. 150)</p> <p>Indoor cricket training & matches allowed (likely 1:4sqm – up to 150 max)</p> <p>Changerooms, social rooms, canteens open in line with density rules</p>

DETAILED SUMMARY RE: 70% DOUBLE DOSE CHANGES

Metropolitan Melbourne based Club actions - Step one

Double check with the council (& any schools that will be used) that they are supportive of allowing the club to return to training from Friday and what (if anything else) they require to allow this to happen.

Editable COVID-19 plan

As shared previously, it is imperative to have a COVID-19 plan in place and share this widely (especially with your local council). A simple editable plan can be found on the [COVID page of the CV website](#).

How many people are allowed to attend training?

All players and coaches can train together at the one time. The request from the State Government is that only those who need to be at training (i.e. players & coaches) attend. Parents of children should watch from a distance.

What COVID-19 protocols are required?

Similar to the 2020/21 season – including:

- Ensuing that if anyone has COVID-19 like symptoms, stay away and get tested asap – only attending after they receive a negative test
- Ensuring that all attendees check in via the Services Victoria QR code system every time
- Clubs put up ample signage to read (the CV website has examples that can be considered) and have ample hand sanitiser available for attendees to use.
- Keep 1.5m distance from others at all times
- Wear a mask when not actively batting, bowling & fielding

What is the status of Mandatory Vaccination for involvement in community cricket?

CV are still awaiting details from the State Government in respect to whether it will be a requirement to be vaccinated to be involved in community sport. We will confirm asap that we know, however it remains a possibility and CV continues to strongly encourage all who can be vaccinated to get vaccinated asap.

When can Woolworths Cricket Blast commence?

Given the benefit of strong parental involvement, having WWCB programs commence after the 80% target is reached (therefore Nov onwards) will provide the greatest flexibility for maximising the value of these programs.

Are practice matches allowed?

“Inter-club” matches (against another opponent) are not allowed until we hit 80% double dose.

“Intra-club” matches are allowed from Friday. Only those from within the club attend and only those who need to attend (e.g. Players / Coaches). By not playing against an opposition until after 80% helps to minimise the opportunity for the virus to spread from one part of Melbourne or Regional Victoria to another.

When are competition matches allowed?

As has been regularly shared, matches against other opponents can start occurring after we reach 80% double dose levels. This is currently estimated to be late October / early November. It is noted that most competitions are looking at round one to be held the first weekend after Melbourne Cup week (November 13/14). With the 80% double dose rate expected to be reached earlier than anticipated, clubs may look to book in a practice match against an opponent for the weekend of November 6/7 (or possibly even bringing forward round one).

ONGOING ADVICE

Please continue to check out 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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