

## **INFORMATION ABOUT POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES IN VICTORIAN CRICKET**

### **What happens if someone within a Community Cricket Club tests positive?**

After hearing details from the player, the following should be actioned by the lead COVID-19 Officer (or authorised club representative):

1. Notify the Department of Health on 1800 675 398 and Worksafe Victoria 13 23 60.
2. Ask the Department of Health Victoria / Worksafe for detailed instructions that can be passed on to the wider cricket network – including if any facilities will need to be closed (& for how long) – and follow the instructions immediately.
3. Inform all key stakeholders – including your club network (especially players who have been in the same team/training group as the person who has tested positive), the local council, opposition clubs that have either recently played against the player(s) in question or played at the ground, the Association and also CV Cricket Manager that a confirmed COVID-19 case has been connected to the club and provide any specific advice from the Department of Health to each organisation. *This will include advice from the Department of Health for what people who could be considered contacts need to do.*
4. The Association will notify the relevant umpires if required.
5. The club may be instructed to conduct a “deep clean” of the facility by the Department of Health, Worksafe Victoria or the local council with the Department of Health / Worksafe Victoria able to assist with providing contact details of companies who can assist with this.
6. The club should keep in regular phone contact with any people who are isolating to check on their health and isolation compliance.
7. The club should keep all key stakeholders updated in relation to when the facility is safe to return to (based on Department of Health advice) and when training / matches can re-commence. Only return after approval from the Department of Health and your local council.
8. The Association will consider a range of options for current and future matches where one of more players need to isolate and / or the club facility is not available for use.

### **Who is considered a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case?**

A close contact is someone who has been identified by Department of Health contact tracers as having spent time with someone who has COVID-19. There is a high chance that people who have been close to someone with COVID-19 will get the virus and spread it to other people.

Close contacts can be:

- someone who has had face-to-face contact or spent time in a closed space with someone who has COVID-19 while they were infectious.
- someone who has been in an outbreak or other setting where there is a higher risk of transmission of COVID-19.

The Victorian Chief Health Officer or delegate may also identify someone as a primary close contact based on knowledge of a case or outbreak.

Close contact with someone can happen in many ways, such as:

- living in the same household or similar setting.
- being indoors together, including in a car, lift or public transport.

- being at a public exposure site at a similar time.
- direct contact with the body fluids of a person with COVID-19.

A person identified as a close contact will be notified by the Department of Health.

## What is the quarantine/isolation requirement for a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case?

If they are:

- a) a household close contact who lives with a confirmed case in the same home, or
- b) they haven't had both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine:

They must quarantine at home until they receive a negative result from a test taken no sooner than day 13 of their quarantine period.

The Department of Health **will not contact** them to end their quarantine; their negative test result is proof that they have completed their quarantine period.

If they refuse to get tested late in their quarantine period, they must quarantine for an extra 14 days, or until they receive a negative test result.

**If they are a non-household close contact who doesn't live with a confirmed case in the same home and they are fully vaccinated:**

A close contact must quarantine at home until they receive a negative result from a test taken no sooner than day six of their quarantine period.

The Department of Health **will contact the person to end their quarantine**; The quarantine ends at 11:59pm on day seven. If the person refuses to get tested at the end of their quarantine period, they must quarantine for an extra seven days, or until they receive a negative test result.

\*This information is accurate as of current release. Further information regarding close contacts and quarantine can be found [here](#).

## What happens to cricket match results if one or more players need to isolate / quarantine as a result of COVID-19?

This is for each Association to confirm their ruling; however Cricket Victoria recommend the following:

*Where one or more player(s) from a club has been directed to isolate / quarantine by the Department of Health, the relevant club shall immediately notify the association and the relevant CV Cricket Manager of this ruling. The club and association will abide by any directions from the Department of Health in respect to access to facilities and potential suspension of any further cricket matches.*

In addition, the association shall decide on one of the following actions:

- If permitted by the Department of Health, matches can proceed involving the affected club/team and relevant opposition teams (excluding any players required to isolate / quarantine); or

- Any matches significantly affected by the isolation / ruling by Department of Health, shall be abandoned, and deemed a draw with the points evenly split by the affected teams. In this instance, the matches that will be abandoned will start with the lowest XI.

*Example Situation*

*A Men's Community Club has a large number of players required to isolate due to being considered close contacts of a positive case. This leaves the club with just 25 players eligible to participate in matches in the upcoming round.*

*Result - As the Club only has enough players to take the field in two matches, the 3rd & 4th XI matches will be abandoned (split points) whilst the 1st & 2nd XI matches will take place as scheduled.*

**Note: No matches will be replayed on dates later in the season.**

**[Please also check the latest information available on the dedicated COVID-19 page on the Cricket Victoria website].**