

CRICKET VICTORIA COVID-19 UPDATE (November 16, 2021)

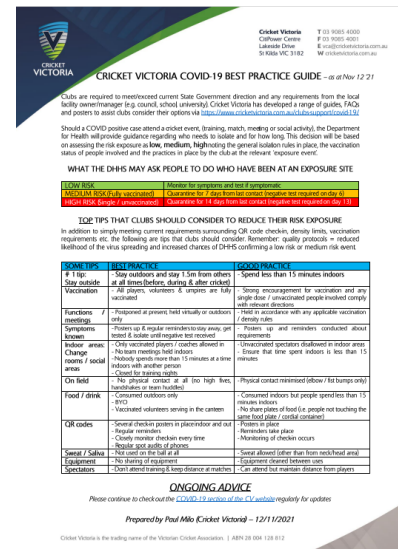
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Following the return of cricket training and matches (weather permitting!), some cricket clubs have seen positive COVID cases at their club and there have been some near misses too. This is not unexpected given there is still a significant number of daily COVID cases in the community, however all clubs will no doubt be keen to avoid situations where club members / families (or their contacts) contract the virus &/or need to test & isolate for up to 14 days. This creates a range of complexities for all people affected. The below provides some insights to the learnings that have been gained over the past week / fortnight as a result.

Some new [FAQs](#) have been added to the CV COVID website to go with the 50+ already there - including the following critical one that includes a one-page summary on best practice ideas.

What are the tops tips for reducing the likelihood of needing to isolate following a COVID-19 positive case at our club?

The key recommendation (based on Department of Health advice) is to stay outdoors wherever possible – no more than 15 minutes indoors – maintain 1.5m distance at all times and strong COVID-19 hygiene practices. To see the attached one-page overview for more information click [HERE](#)



CRICKET VICTORIA COVID-19 BEST PRACTICE GUIDE – as at Nov 12 21

Clubs are required to meet/exceed current State Government direction and any requirements from the local facility owner/manager (e.g. council, school university). Cricket Victoria has developed a range of guides, FAQs, and posters to assist clubs consider their options via <https://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/club-support/covid-19/>

Should a COVID positive case attend a cricket event (training, match, meeting or social activity), the Department for Health will provide guidance regarding who needs to isolate and for how long. This decision will be based on assessing the risk exposure in how, where, and how long the general isolated rules in place, the vaccination status of people involved and the practices in place by the club at the relevant exposure event.

WHAT THE DHHS MAY ASK PEOPLE TO DO WHO HAVE BEEN AT AN EXPOSURE SITE

Cricket Victoria	Isolate for symptoms and test if symptomatic
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TIPS THAT CLUBS SHOULD CONSIDER TO REDUCE THEIR RISK EXPOSURE

In addition to simply meeting current requirements surrounding QR code checks, density limits, vaccination requirements etc, the following are tips that clubs should consider. Remember, quality protocols = reduced likelihood of the virus spreading and increased chances of DHHS confirming a low risk or medium risk event

Category	Best Practice	Specific Practice
Stay outside	Stay outdoors and stay 1.5m from others at all times (before, during & after cricket)	Spent no more than 15 minutes indoors
Vaccination	All players, volunteers & umpires are fully vaccinated	Strong encouragement to vaccination and any single-dose / unvaccinated people involved comply with relevant direction
Functions / meetings	Functions at premises held virtually or outdoors only	Hold in accordance with any applicable vaccination / density rules
Symptoms	Others up & regular reminders to stay away, get tested & isolate and register per protocol	Posters up and reminders conducted about requirements
Indoor areas / Change rooms / social areas	Only vaccinated players / coaches allowed in	Unvaccinated spectators disabled in indoor areas
On field	No physical contact at all (no high fives, handshakes or team huddles)	Physical contact minimised (below / far bumps only)
Food / drink	Consumed outdoors only	Consumed indoors but people spend less than 15 minutes indoors
QR codes	Several check-in points in place outdoor and out of sight (wherever)	No share plates of food (i.e. people not touching the same food / plate / condiment)
Signs / Safety	Clearly marked distance every three metres	Posters in place
Equipment	No sharing of equipment	Handwashing / sanitising
Spectators	Only attend training / deep clean at matches	Equipment cleaned between uses

ONGOING ADVICE

Please continue to check out the [COVID-19 section of the CV website](#) regularly for updates

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Details for the below 3 new questions are on [the FAQ section the website](#):

- What penalties are there for clubs that do not abide by COVID-19 guidelines?
- What do we do if someone who is a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case has been at our club?
- What financial support is available if a Cricket facility needs to complete a deep clean?

NEW - The following new resource is one of 23 free posters / downloadable resources in English to go long with the 17 free posters / downable resource in different languages.

[Club Actions following a COVID positive case](#)

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