

PREVENTATIVE - COVID-19 BEST PRACTICE GUIDE (May 2022)

To reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 spreading throughout the cricket club and the wider the community, 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/clubs-support/covid-19/>

TOP TIPS THAT CLUBS SHOULD CONSIDER TO REDUCE THEIR RISK EXPOSURE

In addition to simply meeting current requirements surrounding QR code check-in, 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 or medium risk event.

SOME TIPS	BEST PRACTICE	GOOD PRACTICE
# 1 tip: Stay outside	- Stay outdoors and stay 1.5m from others at all times (before, during & after cricket)	- Spend less than 15 minutes together indoors & stay outdoors 48 hours before matches
Vaccination	- All players, volunteers & umpires are fully vaccinated (including booster)	- Strong encouragement for full vaccination
Symptoms? Stay away!	- Many posters up. Regular reminders to stay away, get tested & isolate until negative test received	- Posters up and reminders conducted about requirements
Rapid tests	- Require all players to have Rapid Antigen test kit available should a match day test be required. - Recommend that players also undertake weekly tests (e.g. each Thursday morning)	- Ensure that the club have some Rapid Antigen tests on hand
Indoor access	- Only vaccinated players / coaches allowed inside - No club/team meetings held indoors - Nobody spends more than 15 minutes at a time indoors with another person - Closed for training nights	- Unvaccinated spectators disallowed in indoor areas - Ensure that time spent indoors is under 15 minutes at training - No indoor club gatherings in the period 48 hours prior to matches. This reduces likelihood of COVID spreading. Increased time following an 'outbreak' increases the time for Associations / Clubs to make Plan B options for match day
On field	- No physical contact at all (no high fives, handshakes or team huddles)	- Physical contact minimised (elbow / fist bumps post game only)
Food / drink	- Consumed outdoors only - BYO - Fully vaccinated volunteers serving in the canteen & wearing a mask at all times	- Consumed indoors but people spend less than 15 minutes indoors - No share plates of food (i.e. people not touching the same food plate / cordial container)
Match ball	- Sanitised at breaks and no sweat/saliva used at any stage	- Sanitised at breaks. No saliva to be used. Sweat allowed (other than from neck/head area)
Equipment	- No sharing of equipment	- Equipment cleaned between uses
Spectators	- Don't attend training & keep distance at matches	- Can attend but maintain distance from players

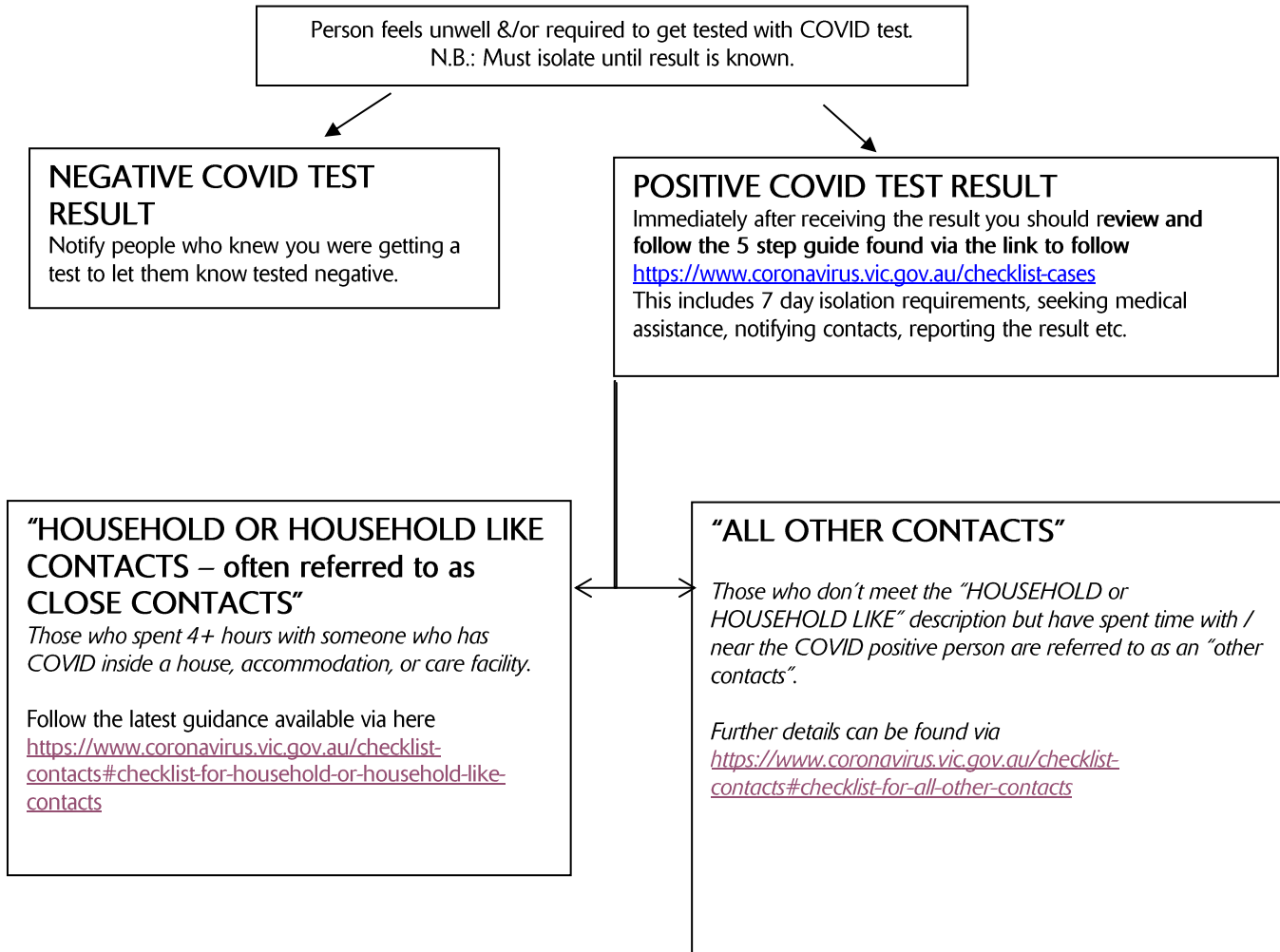
ONGOING ADVICE

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

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REACTIVE - COVID CASE FLOW CHART (May 2022)

*N.B.: The below is a guide only to assist Associations and Clubs.
Official advice from the Dept for Health will take precedence over the information provided below.*



RECOMMENDED CLUB ACTIONS

- 1) **Review** the checklist here - <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-cases>
- 2) **Dept for Health.** Where there has been multiple cases at a cricket club at the same time, it is recommended to contact the Department for Health (1800 675 398) for any guidance that they may have about the facility usage.
- 3) **Association.** Contact the Association to advise the number of players impacted, likely teams affected and whether any teams will not be able to field enough players
- 3) **Abide** by DHHS instructions & Association decisions
- 4) **Keep** in contact with any club person isolating to check on their health and isolation compliance
- 5) **Reconsider** the need for any training sessions (or club held function) in the next 24-48 hours
- 6) **Increase** vigilance on COVID compliance

MATCH DAY GUIDANCE – POSITIVE COVID CASES (May 2022)

*When in doubt check with Dept for Health (1800 675 398).
Dept. for Health advice will take precedence over the CV guidance below:*

WHAT HAPPENS TO MATCHES IF MULTIPLE PLAYERS NEED TO ISOLATE / QUARANTINE AS A RESULT OF COVID-19?

Each Association shall confirm their own ruling, however Cricket Victoria recommend the following. Where multiple players from a team at a club are required to isolate / quarantine as a direct result of COVID-19 and will be unavailable to be selected for a match, the relevant club shall immediately notify the Association. The club and Association shall abide by any directions from the Department of Health regarding any restricted access to facilities. In addition, the Association shall decide on one of the following options:

- 1) If permitted by the Dept of Health, matches can proceed involving the affected club/team and relevant opposition teams (excluding any players required to isolate / quarantine); OR
- 2) If the Dept of Health has directed that the match not proceed at the venue or (in the opinion of the Association) the club could not select the minimum number of players under Association rules to constitute a match as a direct result of multiple players being impacted by COVID, the Association shall either:
 - a) declare that the match is postponed to a date/time to be determined or
 - b) deem the match to be a DRAW and the points shared (with Associations to allocate % calculation based on its rules).

N.B.: Associations may seek confirmation of proof of a COVID positive test – to ensure that players / teams are not seeking to influence the results of matches through incorrect advice about positive cases.

CAN A MATCH BE DELAYED WHILST PLAYERS ARE AWAITING A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT?

Association rules will dictate whether matches can be delayed and for how long whilst players are awaiting negative test results. Associations should ideally prioritise matches proceeding (even if delayed) as opposed to cancelling matches and provide clear instructions to clubs to address the impact of match day tests.

N.B.: For finals, the same rules apply, however Associations may consider using Reserve Days if a team cannot field a team due to the impact of COVID.

SHOULD A MATCH CONTINUE IF ONE OR MORE PLAYERS BECOME AWARE THEY MAY BE COVID CONTACTS DURING THE MATCH?

- 1) DHHS advice (1800 675 398) should be gained immediately & their advice followed – explaining the situation e.g. *players trained up to 3 hours outdoors (& spent no more than 15 minutes indoors) with a COVID positive case. Explain COVID protocols in place on match day & ask whether players / officials should monitor for symptoms or for the game be called off immediately and people asked to get tested.*
- 2) Pass on the DHHS advice to the Association asap & check for their rules about continuation.

N.B.: If Associations require guidance, the following can be used:

If not required to immediately cease by DHHS or the Association, the match may continue however all attendees strongly adhere to heightened COVID protocols during and after the match (e.g. avoid indoor time spent with others, avoid physical contact, always maintain 1.5m distance, avoid sharing equipment, mask recommended when off-field). Anyone who shows any signs of COVID symptoms during the match must get a full PCR test, isolate immediately and not return to the game until a negative test is received.