

## **PREVENTATIVE – COVID-19 – BEST PRACTICE GUIDE (Sept 2022)**

To reduce the potential impact of COVID-19 in the cricket community, clubs and associations are required to meet/exceed all current State Government directions 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 - <https://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/clubs-support/covid-19/>

### **TOP TIPS FOR CLUBS TO REDUCE THEIR RISK EXPOSURE**

In addition to meeting current requirements the following are tips that clubs and associations should consider for the upcoming season.

| <b>TIPS</b>          | <b><u>BEST PRACTICE</u></b>   | <b><u>GOOD PRACTICE</u></b>   |
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| <b>Stay outside</b>  | - Stay outdoors and keep 1.5m away from others where possible   | - Spend less than 15 minutes together indoors and stay outdoors where possible  |
| <b>Vaccination</b>   | - All players, volunteers & umpires are fully vaccinated (incl. booster)  | - Strong encouragement for full vaccination   |
| <b>Symptoms</b>      | - Preventative posters up. Regular reminders to stay home if unwell and test.   | - Preventative posters up and reminders conducted about requirements.   |
| <b>Rapid tests</b>   | - Require all players to have Rapid Antigen test kits available should a match day test be required   | - Ensure the club have Rapid Antigen tests on hand  |
| <b>Indoor Access</b> | - Only vaccinated patrons allowed<br>- Open doors and windows when patrons inside<br>- Regularly use air filters where available<br>- Limit club/team meetings held inside<br>- | - Minimise time spent indoors<br>- Minimise indoor club gatherings  |
| <b>On field</b>      | - No physical contact (no high fives, handshakes or team huddles)   | - Limit physical contact where possible   |
| <b>Food/Drink</b>    | - Consumed outdoors only<br>- BYO<br>- Volunteers serving & wearing gloves/masks at all times<br>- Individual package items where possible                                      | - Minimise indoor consumption<br>- All share plates prepared by same person where possible<br>- Any share plates prepared must use best practice hygiene requirements i.e gloves on<br>- Use of equipment for shared plates i.e tongs<br>- Thoroughly clean/sanitise any cups after use |
| <b>Match ball</b>    | - Sanitised at breaks and no sweat/saliva used at any stage   | - Sanitised at breaks. No saliva used. Sweat allowed (other than from neck/head area)   |
| <b>Equipment</b>     | - No sharing of equipment   | - Equipment cleaned between uses  |

## **HELPFUL LINKS & INFORMATION**

Clubs and associations are encouraged to continually check the below websites for the latest COVID-19 updates.

Department of Health

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/staying-safe> or call on 1800 675 398

Checklist for COVID cases including isolation requirements

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-cases>

*N.B: Department of Health advice will take precedence over Cricket Victoria advice.*

## **MATCH DAY GUIDANCE**

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

Each Association shall confirm their own ruling, however Cricket Victoria have implemented the Coronavirus-Related replacement policy for Premier Cricket matches and the policy is attached as guidance.

### **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 a player is awaiting a match day negative test result. Associations should 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.