

# PLAYERS & PARENTS/ GUARDIANS RETURN TO PLAY

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The Victorian Government has provided new [Open Premises Directions](#) that determine the Conditions for all football activities in Victoria.

**Breach of these conditions may void insurance policies under the Club's insurance policy provided through affiliation to Football Victoria (FV), may be dealt with under FV's Grievance, Disciplinary and Tribunal Bylaw (as applicable) and may incur substantial fines under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2018.**

Areas that are not permitted to Return to Play are listed in the Victorian Government's published *Area Directions* available via <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19>

Frequently asked questions on navigating COVIDSafe Football requirements, please [click here](#).

For further questions regarding the Return to Play Conditions, please reach out to [clubsupport@footballvictoria.com.au](mailto:clubsupport@footballvictoria.com.au)

Key changes from v7.2 of the conditions are highlighted in red text.

## KEEPING VICTORIANS SAFE



Check in at every venue, every time



Wear a mask whenever required by VIC Government



If you feel unwell or are isolating, don't attend



Keep your distance - Stay 1.5m apart



Sanitise your hands frequently



Vaccination is not required for participation in community sport

## WHAT IS PERMITTED?



### PARTICIPANTS

- Players may resume indoor and outdoor full-contact community sport training and competitions.



### GROUPS

- No limits to group sizes.



### SPECTATORS

- Are welcome to attend, with no limits on group sizes or crowds.



### INDOOR SPACES

- Change rooms and showers are **open**.
- Facilities must be cleaned regularly, including at least twice a day for frequently touched surfaces. Ensure toilets are cleaned as per cleaning requirements.
- Density quotients are no longer applicable.



### CANTEEN/CAFE

- Sporting clubs that operate a restaurant, café or canteen within its facility **can** open, provided it follows the **requirements** on hospitality venues.

## VACCINATION STATUS

Anyone participating or facilitating community sport (e.g. players, coaches, volunteers) does not need to be [fully vaccinated](#) to access the facility.

If facilities, including club rooms, are used **exclusively** for community sport patrons participating or facilitating community sport (e.g. players, coaches, volunteers) do not need to be vaccinated across the facility.

Key definitions:

- **Community sport** refers to competitions and training for the purpose of competition overseen by a state sporting association or equivalent governing body, such as Football Victoria or regional Associations. This includes entry level programs (for example MiniRoos), 'come and try' days run by state sporting associations or equivalent governing bodies, as well as training for coaches and umpires.
- **Physical recreation** is any other activity that is not associated with competition or training for competitions overseen by a state sporting association or equivalent governing body, including non-competitive casual sport and social play, community events and fitness and gym classes.

However, to access the facility for purposes other than community sport where all attendees are required to be fully vaccinated – such as a gym or hospitality – attendees must be fully vaccinated, be under 12 or have a valid medical exemption.

## SPECTATORS

Are welcome to attend!

## FEELING UNWELL

You **must not attend any football activity** if in the past 10 days you:

- Have tested positive to COVID-19;
- Have been unwell or had any flu-like or respiratory symptoms (even if mild);
- Are living with a diagnosed person;
- Have been in contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19; or
- Are at a high risk from a health perspective, including the elderly and those with pre-existing medical health conditions, further information can be found [here](#).

Those with even mild symptoms are strongly encouraged to get tested. For more information, [click here](#).

Anyone who has been in isolation/quarantine may return to training only if they have met all DHHS requirements. [Click here](#) for further information.

## TRAINING SESSIONS AND COMPETITIONS

All individuals attending training or competitions must:

- Check-In using the QR Code.**
- Follow the instructions of the designated COVID Check-In Marshal.**
- Not spit at any time.
- Not share drink bottles and clearly label their own bottle.
- Take their training bib, kit or any other items worn/used during each training session, home to wash individually.
- Sharing of equipment must be minimised. **Where equipment is shared, cleaning must take place between use.**

- No use of shared equipment that touches the head or face or cannot be effectively cleaned i.e. soft materials or clothing (not including balls).
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue or your elbow (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze and place tissues directly in bins.
- Avoid the use of public toilets, however if necessary, ensure hands are washed thoroughly.
- Avoid sharing pens or clip boards.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.
- You must not congregate at the entry point.
- Handshakes, high fives or similar unnecessary contact are to be avoided.