

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Sports Clubs Return to Play

[Sport, exercise and physical recreation services sector guidance | Coronavirus Victoria](#)

Question	Answer
How quickly after a Victorian Government announcement can we expect an update from council? Are we required to wait for Local Government advice?	Yes, clubs are required to wait until advice from Council. We will endeavour to assess any new restrictions and communicate with clubs as soon as possible. Always feel free to contact us if you have questions.
What can clubs do if members/guests don't comply with regulations?	A warning would be the first step. Participants should be aware that clubs and individuals can face fines for not complying with COVID-19 regulations. Clubs can also impose suspensions of membership/access. For repeated or severe breaches of restrictions, Police should be contacted.
Any tips on how to track attendance?	The Victorian Government's free QR Code Service for all businesses and venues must be used for check-in. Pen and paper should be available for those without a smartphone. More information on this can be found here: <a href="https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorian-government-qr-code-service">https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/victorian-government-qr-code-service</a>
Is pavilion access currently allowed?	For the purpose of community sport, toilets and change rooms can be accessed. You do not need to be fully vaccinated, or confirm vaccination status for this use. Check-in Marshals (e.g. coaches and volunteers) are required to ensure attendees check in via QR codes but are not required to check vaccination status.  If the pavilion is open for other purposes (physical recreation, food and beverage, retail, hire or social functions) all patrons will need to be fully vaccinated and have their check-in verified by a COVID-19 Check-in Marshal.
Are density limits/quotients currently in place?	Density quotients and venue caps no longer apply to indoor or outdoor premises. This is the same for community sport and physical recreation.
Who is responsible for the organisation and cleaning of club facilities? How often or when do club facilities need to undergo cleaning? How extensive does cleaning need to be?	The clubs are responsible for the organisation and cleaning of the club facilities. This should be outlined in your COVID-19 Safe Plan. High touch areas such as door handles must be cleaned twice daily, this could be completed by members when they use the pavilion.  Deep cleaning is no longer required. Neither is cleaning of equipment between users, although this is good practice.
Does our insurance still cover us considering the circumstances?	You should check your cover, however generally yes, provided the club has approval to be using the grounds and they are operating within the approved COVID-19 safe plan
What happens if there is a positive case at our club?	Clubs are required to follow the same process as workplaces. Details can be found here: <a href="https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/confirmed-case-workplace">https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/confirmed-case-workplace</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notify Council</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notify State Sporting Association</li> <li>• Notify close contacts and all members</li> <li>• The person who tested positive and any close contacts must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ get a standard (PCR) test at a testing centre within 24 hours and stay isolated until they return a negative result.</li> <li>○ Show evidence of a negative test result before they return to the club</li> </ul> </li> <li>• You should notify the Department of Health or Local Public Health Unit if 5 or more staff members are diagnosed with COVID-19 within 7 days. You can email the Department of Health at covidemployernotifications@dhhs.vic.gov.au</li> </ul>
<p>How should clubs monitor/enforce vaccination status?</p>	<p>Where participants are required to be vaccinated, there is currently a requirement to place a COVID Check-in Marshal at each entrance to the premises that is accessible by patrons. The Marshal needs to check vaccine status in accordance with the <a href="#">Directions</a></p> <p>Unstaffed, outdoor physical recreation facilities do not require COVID-19 Check-in Marshals and are exempt from vaccination requirements. Please note that unstaffed premises are only those that can be accessed by club members or casual users without a representative of the club present. When a club representative (either a paid staff member or volunteer) is present to facilitate an activity or access to the premises, they (or another staff member/volunteer) must ensure that all patrons are checked-in and fully vaccinated.</p>
<p>Can personal training be undertaken at sports club facilities?</p>	<p>Yes - Outdoor personal training in a public area (e.g. at the park) is permitted up to 30 people, excluding the personal trainer.</p> <p>Personal training and boot camps can operate outdoors at a facility (such as a gym or community centre), in line with vaccination requirements of that facility.</p>
<p>Are 12-15 year olds required to be fully vaccinated to participate?</p>	<p>No. People under 18 do not need to prove vaccination status under the <a href="#">Open Premises Order</a>.</p> <p>Patrons 18 years and older attending outdoor physical recreation and sporting facilities for purposes other than community sport must be <a href="#">fully vaccinated</a> (or have an exception) to access the facility, if the facility is open for <a href="#">fully vaccinated</a> people (including workers).</p> <p>This is in recognition that mixed aged groups participate in community sport, and teams with players unable to be vaccinated should not be at a disadvantage if they aren't old enough to be <a href="#">fully vaccinated</a>.</p>
<p>What is the difference between Community Sport and Physical Recreation?</p>	<p>The Victorian Government has provided the following definitions:</p> <p><b>“Community sport</b> refers to competitions and training for the purpose of competition overseen by a state sporting</p>

	<p>association or equivalent governing body, such as country football and netball competitions overseen by AFL Victoria and Netball Victoria.</p> <p>This includes entry level programs (for example AusKick and Cricket Blast), ‘come and try’ days run by state sporting associations or equivalent governing bodies, as well as training for coaches and umpires.”</p> <p>“<b>Physical recreation</b> 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 (such as ParkRun), self-defence classes, and fitness and gym classes.”</p>
<p>What are the current vaccination requirements for sport and recreation?</p>	<p>Patrons participating in or facilitating community sport (e.g. players, coaches, volunteers) do not need to be <a href="#">fully vaccinated</a> to access the facility unless in a paid role in which case they must be vaccinated in accordance with the <a href="#">authorised worker directions</a>.</p> <p>The exception to vaccination requirements for community sport does not extend to non-sporting activities associated with community sport, such as social nights, fundraising events or committee meetings.</p> <p>Physical recreation participants must be fully vaccinated or have a medical exemption.</p> <p>All participants aged under 18 years are currently exempt from the requirement to show evidence of vaccination. This may change as this age group becomes eligible for vaccination.</p>
<p>QR codes were required when playgrounds reopened last time. Does this apply to cricket nets and outdoor basketball reopening?</p>	<p>Yes, QR Code check-in is required in all outdoor physical recreation facilities including outdoor skate parks, fitness equipment, cricket nets and outdoor basketball hoops.</p>
<p>What signage do we have to display?</p>	<p>Physical distancing, hygiene protocols, QR code check-in.</p> <p>Templates can be found on the Coronavirus website: <a href="#">Signs, posters and templates for your workplace   Coronavirus Victoria</a></p>
<p>Are spectators allowed?</p>	<p>Yes, spectators are allowed and gathering limits no longer apply.</p>
<p>How will these restrictions be enforced?</p>	<p>They’re in place for the safety of all users of the facilities. Police may enforce them.</p> <p>Council officers will visit clubs from time to time to see how you’re going and if there are any ways to further protect users and minimise risk of clubs being fined or potential outbreaks.</p>
<p>When and where do masks have to be worn?</p>	<p>Face masks are no longer required in outdoor settings but are strongly recommended where physical distancing cannot be maintained.</p>

	Face masks are required in all indoor settings when not engaged in strenuous exercise. Children under 8 years of age are currently exempt from mask rules but this may change.
Can we reopen our bar/social spaces for casual hire?	Canteens, kitchens and bars can open under the <a href="#">hospitality guidelines</a> . This is for fully vaccinated people only.
Is doubles play permitted for unvaccinated people (tennis)?	Yes, but only if this is part of community sport in line with the Victorian Government's definition e.g. training and competition, or people under 18 years of age Only fully vaccinated (or under 18 year old) people are permitted to play recreational tennis.
Can clubs choose to operate under fully vaccinated only?	We understand that there is concern amongst some clubs and community members that vaccination requirements do not apply to community sport, and note that the current settings are the minimum standards to be adhered to. Businesses and organisations (including sport clubs) can choose to impose additional conditions of entry above those required by the Open Premises Directions (e.g. a vaccination requirement for community sport participants despite the availability of an exception).
What happens if the club has 'Community sport' and 'Physical recreation' activities taking place simultaneously?	The groups must be kept separate, including separate entrances to the facility and separate toilets/change rooms. This is only if the two are happening at the same time. E.g. if community sport activities take place in the morning and physical recreation takes place in the afternoon there is no requirement for separate entrances etc.