



About the Community Sport and Recreation COVIDSafe Plan

The Community Sport and Recreation (CSR) COVIDSafe Plan has been developed to support the community sport and recreation sector prepare to safely open and operate in accordance with the easing of restrictions, while also ensuring the public feels confident that their health and safety is being protected.

It is important to develop your CSR COVIDSafe Plan in accordance with the **Community Sport and Physical Recreation Industry Restart Guidelines** and the restriction level at the time (Closed, Heavily Restricted, Restricted, Open with a COVIDSafe Plan). The Guidelines can be found here: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/coronavirus-sector-guidance-arts-and-recreation-services>.

Community sport and recreation workplaces, venues/facilities, associations and clubs have two options on how to reopen in line with current public health directions. They can:

- Complete a Community Sport and Recreation COVIDSafe Plan (mandatory)

OR

- Update their existing voluntary **Return to Play Plan** to align with the mandatory COVIDSafe Plan template.

The template has been customised to assist sport and recreation facility owners and operators, State Sporting Associations (SSAs), National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) and peak sport and recreation bodies to prepare a CSR COVIDSafe Plan that incorporates the mandated COVIDSafe principles. CSR COVIDSafe Plans can be adopted and implemented by leagues, associations and clubs.

Community sport and recreation workplaces, venues/facilities, associations and clubs will be responsible for completing the CSR COVIDSafe Plan and ensuring it is implemented at open workplaces, venues and facilities.

To support communication with local government authorities as community sport facility/venue owners and their members, SSAs will be asked to upload a copy of their CSR COVIDSafe Plan on their website and make it available upon request.

In order to be compliant with public health directions, plans must:

- Align with the directions issued by the Victorian Chief Health Officer
- Provide complete responses and the required supporting documentation
- Account for the current permitted level of sport or recreation activity in your plan and identify how your plan will respond to changes in permitted levels of activity.
- Ensure that activity resumption does not compromise the health of individuals or the community
- In addition to completing a CSR COVIDSafe Plan, you are still required to meet your obligations under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004.
- You must comply with a request to present or modify your CSR COVIDSafe Plan, if directed to do so, by an Authorised Officer or WorkSafe Inspector.
- In addition to the general restrictions for all businesses, some industries require additional obligations due to a higher transmission risk.



How to develop your CSR COVIDSafe Plan

1. Understand your responsibilities

Information on public health directions applying to organisations is available at coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

2. Prepare your plan

Below is the CSR COVIDSafe Plan template which you will need to complete. The CSR COVIDSafe Plan is grouped into six COVIDSafe principles:

1. Ensure physical distancing
2. Wear a face mask
3. Practise good hygiene
4. Keep records and act quickly if participants, volunteers or organisers become unwell
5. Avoid interactions in enclosed spaces
6. Create workforce/activity bubbles

When completing your plan, under the 'actions' column of each COVIDSafe principle, you must outline the actions you will take to meet the listed requirement. You will note that if you are in a restricted or heavily restricted industry, additional requirements may apply. If you do not believe a requirement applies to your activity, it should be marked N/A with an explanation about why it does not apply.

Mandatory requirements under public health direction feature this symbol:



- All other points are highly recommended for keeping your participants, volunteers, organisers and members safe and venues/facilities open, but are not mandatory.
- Some of the requirements in the CSR COVIDSafe Plan may not apply to your organisation or club. Where the requirement does not apply to your organisation or club it should be marked N/A (not applicable).

3. Keep your plan up-to-date

Your CSR COVIDSafe Plan must be reviewed and updated routinely and when restrictions or public health advice changes. Organisations with multiple venues/facilities must complete a CSR COVIDSafe Plan for each worksite.

You do not have to lodge your CSR COVIDSafe Plan with the Victorian Government, however, you may need to provide your CSR COVIDSafe Plan to an Authorised Officer or WorkSafe Inspector upon request, or in the event of a confirmed positive case at your workplace. There will be virtual and physical inspections as well as desktop audits to ensure the implementation of and compliance with your CSR COVIDSafe plan.

4. Share your plan

Your participants, volunteers, organisers and members need to be familiar with this plan. Once you have completed the plan, share it with your participants, volunteers, organisers and members and occupational health and safety representatives or COVIDSafe officer, if applicable.

For further guidance on how to prepare your CSR COVIDSafe Plan or any other questions, please visit coronavirus.vic.gov.au or call the Business Victoria Hotline on 13 22 15.

Your CSR COVIDSafe Plan

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1. Ensure physical distancing

Requirements

Action



You must ensure participants, volunteers and organisers are 1.5 metres apart as much as possible.

This can be done by:

- Modifying sporting activities to ensure participants remain 1.5 metres apart where possible except when engaging in physical activity permitted under the Chief Health Officer directions (e.g. contact sport where permitted).
- Displaying signs to show patron limits at the entrance of enclosed areas where limits apply (where use of indoor areas are permitted under the restrictions)
- Informing organisers and volunteers to work from home wherever possible
- Note that where physical recreation facilities are permitted to open for classes for members of the public, specific additional requirements apply such as staggering class times. For more information see <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19>

You may also consider:

- Minimising the build-up of people waiting to enter and exit the venue/facility.
- Using floor markings to provide minimum physical distancing guides
- Reviewing delivery protocols to limit contact between delivery drivers and organisers and volunteers (where relevant)

Class numbers will be limited to 25 people.

Designated entry and exit doors will be sign-posted and participants counted on arrival

Chairs or mats will be spaced 1.5m apart to provide an area for participant equipment, equal to the maximum number of participants

Participants will be briefed at the start of each class on the requirement to maintain 1.5m spacing at all times

Actions requiring participants to be within 1.5m of each other will be removed from structured activities and prohibited in unstructured activities



You must apply the density quotient (where applicable) to configure shared activity areas and publicly accessible spaces to ensure that:

- You are complying with any density quotient, any group size limits and other restrictions applicable to the type of facility being used. Requirements can be found in the Industry Restart guidelines

Class numbers will be limited to 25 students, and a maximum of 3 instructors, within density requirements for the space. Spectators will not be allowed inside the venue but may observe from outside the venue and will be provided chairs spaced at least 1.5m apart.

You should provide training to organisers and volunteers on physical distancing expectations while working and socialising. This should include:

- Avoiding car-pooling unless not reasonably practical for participants to travel another way.

If your activity is restricted or heavily restricted, you must also:



Reduce participant, volunteer and organiser levels in accordance with industry directions.



Limit number of patrons in accordance with Chief Health Officer directions.



Have no carpooling.



Heavily Restricted Industries Only

Organisers and volunteers must work from home, if they can.



2. Wear a face mask

Requirements

Action



You must ensure all participants, volunteers and organisers entering the venue/facility wear a face mask as per public health advice.

Updated public health advice on masks is available at:

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/face-masks-vic-covid-19>

Signage will be provided to alert people to the requirement to wear masks as per public health advice and participants will be briefed at the start of each class. Mask use will be monitored.

Disposable masks will be provided if needed.

You should install screens or barriers in the venue/facility for additional protection where relevant.

N/A

You should provide training, instruction and guidance on how to correctly fit, use and dispose of masks and PPE (where relevant). Masks must be worn at all times except when out of breath or puffing from strenuous exercise or unless a lawful exception applies. These include:

- Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a face mask would create a risk to that person's health and safety related to their work, as determined through OH&S guidelines.
- Persons whose professions require clear enunciation or visibility of their mouth. This includes teaching or live broadcasting.
- Professional sportspeople when training or competing.
- When you are doing any exercise or physical activity where you are out of breath or puffing. Examples include jogging or running, but not walking. You must carry a face mask on you and wear it when you finish exercising.

Participants will be briefed on the requirements for mask wearing at the start of each class, and reminded briefly at the end of breaks.

You should inform participants, volunteers and organisers that cloth masks should be washed each day after use. However, if during the day the mask is visibly dirty or wet, the mask needs to be changed immediately and the dirty mask stored in an airtight bag or container until it can be washed.

There are no additional requirements for restricted or heavily restricted activities.



3. Practise good hygiene

Requirements

Action



You must frequently and regularly clean and disinfect shared spaces, including high-touch communal items such as door knobs, shared equipment and telephones.

You should:

- Clean surfaces with appropriate cleaning products, including detergent and disinfectant
- Replace high-touch communal items with hygienic alternatives, for example single-use or contactless options, where possible to do so
- Sharing of equipment should be kept to a minimum and all equipment must be cleaned and disinfected between use
- Clean between user groups or sessions

Club equipment will be allocated to an individual for a given class, and cleaned and disinfected between uses. Participants will be instructed not to share personal equipment.

Equipment allocations will be labeled for each class and must be kept in each person's 'allocated area'.

Each participant will be required to clean and disinfect their equipment prior to return, and a group clean will be performed between classes.

Communal areas such as the toilets will be cleaned at the end of each class.



You must display a cleaning log in shared spaces.

Venue and equipment cleaning logs will be completed

You should make soap and hand sanitiser available for all participants, volunteers and organisers throughout the venue/facility and encourage regular handwashing.

Soap will be available in bathrooms and hand sanitiser supplied in prominent locations

If your activity is restricted or heavily restricted, you should also:

Conduct an audit of cleaning schedules.



4. Keep records and act quickly if participants, volunteers or organisers become unwell

Requirements

Action



You must support participants, volunteers and organisers to get tested and stay home even if they only have mild symptoms.

Participants will be required to declare they are free of symptoms, not required to quarantine or isolate and are not pending a COVID test result prior to participating and attending class.



You must develop a plan to manage any outbreaks. This includes:

- Having a plan to respond to a participant, volunteer or organiser being notified by health authorities that they are a positive case and attended the facility whilst infectious. People who show symptoms or have been in close contact should NOT attend the venue/facility or activity until they receive their test results or have completed their quarantine period and are cleared by DHHS.
- Having a plan to identify and notify close contacts in the event of a positive case attending the venue/facility during their infectious period. You are also required to notify DHHS of the positive case.
- Having a plan in place to clean the venue/facility (or part) in the event of a positive case.
- Having a plan to contact DHHS and notify the actions taken, provide a copy of the risk assessment conducted and contact details of any close contacts.
- Having a plan to immediately notify WorkSafe Victoria on 13 23 60 if you have identified a person with coronavirus (COVID-19) at your venue/facility.
- Having a plan in the event that you have been instructed to close by DHHS.
- Having a plan to re-open your venue/facility once agreed by DHHS and notify participants, volunteers and organisers they can return to the venue/facility.
- More information can be found at <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/workplace-obligations-covid-19>.

Participants will be required to sign into the session via QR code and details recorded.

If notified of a positive case attending a class, all attendees will be notified immediately both directly and via social media posts. The venue owner will also be notified immediately.

If we are notified of a positive case directly DHHS will be notified and provided with attendee lists and risk assessments.

External cleaners will be engaged to clean the licensed areas in case of a positive case.

Classes will cease immediately until advised by DHHS that we are able to resume.

Use of the venue more broadly will need to be discussed between DHHS and the venue owner.



You must keep records of all people who enter the venue/facility for more than 15 minutes for contact tracing. This does not include passive users of open parkland and recreational spaces.

Attendees will be required to sign into the session via QR code

If your activity is restricted or heavily restricted, you must also:



Restricted Industries

Ask participants, volunteers and organisers to declare verbally before each session that they are free of symptoms, have not been in contact with a confirmed case and have not been directed to isolate.

Heavily Restricted Industries

Ask participants, volunteers and organisers to declare in writing or electronically before each session that they are free of symptoms, have not been in contact with a confirmed case and have not been directed to isolate.



5. Avoid interactions in enclosed spaces

Requirements

You should reduce the amount of time participants, volunteers, organisers, parents, carers and anyone in attendance are spending in enclosed spaces (e.g. entrances, foyers, bathrooms, changerooms and clubhouses).

This could include:

- Enabling activities in outdoor environments
- Moving as much activity outside as possible, including serving patrons, meetings, tearooms, lunchbreaks and locker rooms
- Enhancing airflow by opening windows and doors
- Optimising fresh air flow in air conditioning systems.

Action

All external doors will be open throughout the activities.

There are no additional requirements for restricted or heavily restricted activities.



6. Create workforce/activity bubbles

Requirements

You should limit the number of participants, volunteers and organisers engaging in activities across multiple teams/venues/facilities where practical. This includes avoiding as much as possible, having participants playing across multiple teams.

Action

Not applicable

If your activity is restricted or heavily restricted, you must also:



Limit or cease the number of participants, volunteers and organisers engaging in activities across multiple teams/venues/facilities.



Maintain records of all participants, volunteers and organisers who have disclosed they are engaging in activities across multiple teams/venues/facilities.