

# INSIDE THE BV ZONE

TO: VSBL CLUB PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, MEMBERS  
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FROM: BASEBALL VICTORIA  
SUBJECT: COVID-19 UPDATE, VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR SPORTS, BV TV, GLENFERRIE SPORTS AND SPINAL CLINIC

## COVID-19 Update

Baseball Victoria continues to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation while preparing the safest strategy for returning to activity, as we work to follow all State and Federal Government guidelines.

On Tuesday, 12 May, we released our latest COVID-19 update, including the following key points:

- Under eased restrictions, outdoor activities in groups of up to 10 people will be allowed from 11:59pm on Tuesday, 12 May in Victoria.
- There are still many questions that will need to be clarified and confirmed with the relevant authorities before we can safely return to baseball activities, including on-field training.
- Baseball Victoria's position remains the same – there is no current formal baseball activity. While we work with the government for clarification on creating the safest environment for returning to activity, all baseball activity remains closed.
- Further information will be communicated to all associations, clubs and members when it becomes available, we expect updates in the coming days.

With numerous details yet to be confirmed and finalised, we will follow up with the relevant authorities to finalise these details and communicate the first draft of Baseball Victoria's Return to Baseball Activity Guidelines as soon as possible.

Click [HERE](#) to read our full update.

The COVIDSafe app is now available and will allow authorities to quickly track and control the spread of COVID-19. Please consider downloading the app to help save lives, protect the community and get baseball back as soon as possible. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

## Victorian Government Announces Crucial Funding for Sport

The Victorian Government announced \$150 million in funding for sport, tourism and creative industries across the state. The *Experience Economy Survival Package* unveiled on Wednesday will support sporting clubs and competitions across the state – from grassroots to elite – as well as major tourist attractions, galleries, museums and the racing industry. This funding is designed to save jobs and ensure some of Victoria's most beloved activities are accessible on the other side of the coronavirus pandemic.

The *Experience Economy Survival Package* will help these industries ride out the impacts of the pandemic and reboot, rebound and recover. There will be \$40 million in funding for community sport and recreation bodies including state sporting associations, leagues and clubs, which will help as sports look to restart after the COVID-19 crisis.

Baseball Victoria anticipates there will be funding for leagues, competitions and clubs. The Victorian Government is constructing funding guidelines and eligibility criteria now, and this information will be communicated to all those eligible as it becomes available. Click [HERE](#) for more details.

## BV TV: At-Home Baseball Training

As we get one step closer to our eventual return to activity, we encourage players and coaches to keep up with our *At-Home Baseball Training: Drills and Exercises for the COVID-19 Break* video series on BV TV. We hope these hitting, throwing, ball handling and fielding drills will help everyone stay on top of their skills and prepare for lots of baseball fun in the future.

Click [HERE](#) to subscribe to BV TV and follow along with the *At-Home Baseball Training: Drills and Exercises for the COVID-19 Break* video series. We also invite you to follow us on Instagram and TikTok as we continue to share baseball content across our platforms. Click [HERE](#) to follow Baseball Victoria on Instagram and click [HERE](#) to follow Baseball Victoria on TikTok.



### A Message from Glenferrie Sports and Spinal Clinic

[Glenferrie Sports and Spinal Clinic](#) is a proud sponsor of Baseball Victoria and a strong supporter of the Victorian baseball community. Glenferrie Sports and Spinal Clinic and Symmetry Physiotherapy are the dual preferred providers of physiotherapy services for Baseball Victoria, offering exclusive discounts to all Baseball Victoria Academy athletes. Matt Hopkinson, Principal at Glenferrie Sports and Spinal Clinic, encourages baseball players to prioritize healthy sleeping habits, which can have a major impact on their gameday performance and overall wellbeing.

Click [HERE](#) to read Matt's message on the importance of getting enough sleep every night.

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