

A close-up photograph of a brown leather baseball glove and a white baseball with red stitching. The glove has the number '170' and the word 'Field!' visible on it. The baseball is positioned in the center-right of the frame.

# Return to Activity / Return to Play COVIDSafe Plan

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# INTRODUCTION

Baseball Victoria, it's members, clubs and the wider community have all been affected by COVID-19. The health, wellbeing and safety of all involved in our sport is paramount, as such Baseball Victoria will continue to work closely with the relevant health authorities, both at a national and state level, to ensure we successfully navigate our way to safely resuming activity and play for baseball in Victoria.

**“These have been challenging times for everyone, and we appreciate the patience of our community during the shutdown of Victorian baseball,” Baseball Victoria President Myles Foreman said. “We need to remain extremely vigilant and cautious to protect the health and wellbeing of our community. Although changes must be made, we remain confident that we are now in the process of being able to commence safely returning to baseball activity and eventually to playing our game.”**

# PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide the Office of Sport and Recreation Victoria and the associated government department that manage venues and facilities throughout the state with a comprehensive strategy of a ‘Return to Activity’ and a ‘Return to Play.’

All information provided is sourced from relevant national and state government departments and strictly follows the guidelines as prepared by Sport Australia in the [AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 environment](#) and the Department of Sport and Recreation Victoria. In an evolving landscape with COVID-19, the recommendations and guidelines detailed in this document will be updated regularly in line with national and state announcements.

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## DOCUMENT VERSIONS

DOCUMENT VERSION	APPLICABLE DATES	CHANGES
Version One	25 May 2020 – 1 June 2020	Return to Activity
Version Two	1 June 2020 – Onwards	Activity Groups from 10 to 20 athletes
Version Three – A	19 June 2020 – Onwards	Continued Activity – 20 athletes Return to Contact Training – 20 athletes, Return to Baseball – Full Competition
Version Three – B	24 June 2020	Continued Activity – 20 Athletes, Junior Return to Baseball
Version Three – C	30 June 2020	Continued Activity – 20 Athletes, Junior Return to Baseball, Lockdown Postcode Information
Version Three - D	4 July 2020	Continued Activity – 20 Athletes, Junior Return to Baseball, ADDITION - Lockdown Postcode Information – 2 additional postcodes
Version Four	9 July 2020	Melbourne Metro and Mitchell Shire Lockdown – Continued Activity in Regional Victoria
Version Five	2 August 2020	Victorian Update Restrictions, Stage 4 Melbourne, Stage 3 Regional Victoria
Version 6	15 September 2020	Metro Melbourne, Remains the SAME Regional Victoria, Step 3, Return to Junior Play and Senior Non-Contact Training in small groups
Version 7	23 September 2020	Updated to include Full Regional Victoria and Metro Melbourne RoadMap, updated specific small group training information
Version 8	18 October 2020	Updated Victorian Government Restrictions for Metro and Regional Victoria
Version 9	28 October 2020	Updated Victorian Government Restrictions for Metro and Regional Victoria – Return to Activity
Version 10	3 November 2020	Updated to include COVID Safe Plan

# KEY PRINCIPLES

In addition to the [National Principles for the Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activities](#) published by the Australian Government on 2 May 2020, Baseball Victoria is adhering to the following guidelines as part of the national family of baseball states and territories:

## 1. GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES

1. Baseball Victoria will follow any direction from the State and Federal Government and align with the [AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport](#).
2. Baseball Victoria will review activities as directed by the State Government should restrictions or guidelines be amended or updated.
3. Baseball Victoria encourages the use of the Australian Government's [COVIDSafe App](#).

## 2. GOOD HYGIENE

1. Hand hygiene facilities or products must be available to all participants and attendees. This includes access to a sink and soap for handwashing and/or hand sanitiser with over 60 percent alcohol.
2. Avoid sharing equipment or apparel.
3. Minimise catering or shared food/drink facilities.
4. Frequently touched surfaces, work areas and equipment are cleaned thoroughly.

## 3. SOCIAL DISTANCING

1. Maintain social distancing measures. In accordance with the AIS principle of '*Get in, train and get out*,' this means participants should come prepared to training and games, as well as quickly pack up and leave once their activities have finished.

2. Return to Activity will see no use of any indoor facilities, Return to Play will see restricted use of indoor facilities.
3. No mass gatherings including club or committee meetings, team meetings, on field huddles or game discussions. Baseball Victoria supports the use of video and telephone conference technology to replace face to face interaction.
4. Limits on the amount of people attending training and game play.
5. Signage will be provided by Baseball Victoria. This signage will be customisable for clubs to convey important social distancing, hygiene and cleaning protocols.

## 4. RESTRICTIONS

Under **no** circumstances should anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 attend any baseball training, games or events.

This includes any fever, respiratory symptoms, shortness of breath, sore throat, cough, fatigue, or lack of sense or smell.

Under **no** circumstances should anyone attend the event if they have been:

- i. overseas in the previous 14 days; or
- ii. in contact with someone who has been overseas in the previous 14 days; or
- iii. in contact with a known COVID-19 positive case in the previous 14 days.

## 5. MONITORING

1. A COVID-19 Officer will be appointed at each club to ensure protocols are undertaken and maintained.
2. In addition to encouraging all participants to download the [COVIDSafe App](#),
  1. all participants will be required to register with SportsTG that they are attending training, including any club committee members or coaching staff;
  2. all clubs will maintain a register of attendees, including dates and times, and this information will be shared with and monitored by Baseball Victoria.

## 6. GENERAL

1. Safety of all participants and the wider community is the top priority for Baseball Victoria and underpins all decisions related to the Return to Activity and Return to Play.
2. Resumption of Baseball Victoria activities of Baseball Victoria activities should not compromise the health of individuals or the community.
3. The resumption of Baseball Victoria activities will contribute to the health, economic, social and cultural benefits of the participants and wider Victorian community.

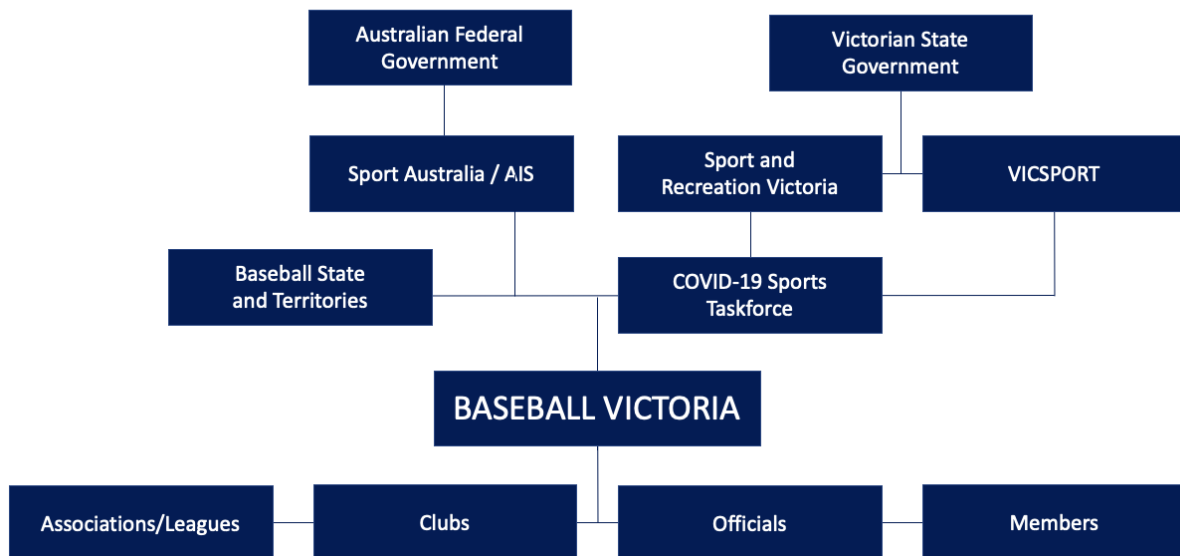


# RESOURCES

Baseball Victoria will provide links to all resource documentation on the [Baseball Victoria website](#), to be updated regularly and available to all clubs and members.

## COMMUNICATION STRUCTURE

Baseball Victoria’s communication structure receives and provides information as follows:



All communication including updates to materials and roll back to together activity restrictions would be communicated directly to members via email, via the Baseball Victoria website ([www.baseballvictoria.com.au](http://www.baseballvictoria.com.au)) and via the Baseball Victoria social media channels.

# RETURN TO SPORT ROADMAP

In alignment with the Victorian Governments Roadmap to a COVID Normal, below is a sport specific summary to be considered in conjunction with the overarching public gathering, face covering and COVID hygiene requirements.

## REGIONAL VICTORIA

Category	Changes Incorporating changes from 11.59pm,27 October
Sport and Recreation	<p>If you live in regional Victoria restrictions are changing from 11:59pm 27 October 2020. The following restrictions have eased:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoor exercise, including gyms, can reopen with limits on the number of people in spaces. Exercise and classes can resume with up to 10 people per indoor space and a limit of 20 people per facility. Equipment should not be shared and must be cleaned between uses. If you are out of breath or huffing and puffing while exercising then you can take off your mask. You must carry a face mask on you and wear it when you finish exercising. Exercise must be non-contact. Exercising indoors presents an additional risk of spreading the virus – that's why it's even more important to stay safe.</li> <li>• Indoor non-contact sport can also resume for those aged 18 years and under. Up to 20 people (depending on the size of the facility) can participate in the indoor exercise (like a dance class). Indoor community sport is limited to the minimum number of people required to play the sport. There are limits on spectators to one parent, guardian, or carer where the child requires supervision (young children or to support people with a disability).</li> <li>• Adult competition for professional sport can resume.</li> <li>• Indoor pools can open for up to 20 people, all ages.</li> <li>• Trampolining centres can open for children with one adult spectator per child if supervision is necessary (young children or to support people with a disability).</li> </ul>

*Note: Metro Melbourne next page*

## METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE

Category	Second Step Melbourne Incorporating changes from 11.59pm, 27 October	Third Step Melbourne By 11.59pm 18November 2020
Sport and Recreation	<p><b>Outdoor physical recreation and personal training:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A household or up to 10 people in any group (trainer is additional to group)</li> <li><b>Outdoor fitness or dance classes:</b></li> <li>Open for outdoor classes, up to 10 people, trainer not included in cap</li> <li>Shared equipment may be used if cleaned between each user and comply with density and other requirements</li> </ul> <p><b>Community sport:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Outdoor contact sport</b> allowed for people 18 and under:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited to minimum number of people to play and facilitate the activity (e.g. soccer may be played with two teams of eleven players and the necessary coaching personnel and umpires)</li> <li>One spectator per child permissible for supervision purposes</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Outdoor non-contact sport:</b> allowed for adults and people 18 and under</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited to minimum number of people to play and facilitate the activity (e.g. cricket may be played with two teams of eleven players and the necessary coaching personnel and umpires)</li> <li>Non-contact means participants must be able to maintain distance of 1.5m</li> </ul> <p><b>Outdoor communal gym equipment:</b> Open, no change</p> <p><b>Outdoor swimming pools (including swimming lessons):</b> Limited to the density quotient of the pool itself or 50 per pool, whichever is smaller, other than for the following exceptions:</p> <p>Exclusive use by a single school at any one time for education purposes or Exclusive use for community sport</p> <p><b>Publicly accessible playgrounds:</b> open, no change</p> <p><b>Playcentres:</b> closed, no change</p> <p><b>Skateparks:</b> outdoor open, indoor closed</p> <p><b>Tramplining centres:</b> outdoor open, indoor closed</p>	<p><b>Outdoor physical recreation and personal training:</b> no change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Outdoor fitness or dance classes:</b> no change</li> <li><b>Community sport:</b> no change</li> <li><b>Outdoor communal gym equipment:</b> no change</li> <li><b>Outdoor swimming pools:</b> no change</li> <li><b>Publicly accessible playgrounds:</b> no change</li> <li><b>Playcentres:</b> no change</li> <li><b>Skateparks:</b> no change</li> <li><b>Tramplining centres:</b> Indoor open for 18 and under with same requirements as indoor physical recreation</li> </ul>

[Extract: METRO Melbourne – Summary of easing of Restrictions at 11:59Pm 18 October and 1 November – Office of the Premier](#)



# RESTRICTIONS - CURRENT

From 27 October 2020, 11:59PM

## MELBOURNE (METRO)

Baseball Victoria in alignment with the Victorian Government implements the Step Two restrictions across Regional Victoria from Sunday, 27 October 2020 from 11:59PM.

Melbourne Metro will return to Step Two restrictions, including:

- Outdoor exercise and recreation allowed

More specifically - "Outdoor contact and non-contact sport for people aged 18 and younger, outdoor non-contact sport only for adults, with gathering and density limits, outdoor skateparks open, outdoor fitness for groups as necessary to facilitate the sport"

General Restrictions that apply to Community Sport include: ‘

Metropolitan Melbourne moves to Third Step restrictions from 11:59pm on 27 October. This means:

- There are no restrictions on the reasons to leave home. If you live in metropolitan Melbourne you can still only travel 25kms.
- If you can't work from home, you can go to work, and you do not need to carry a permit. However, you still need a permit to travel between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria for work or study. If you can work from home, you must continue to work from home.
- You can see friends and family outdoors in a public place in a group of up to 10 people.
- You can have up to two people from the same household visit you at your home. You can only have one visit a day – this means once a day you can visit someone's home or have them visit you at your home. Children and dependants are not included in this cap. The two people must be from the same household and visit together. You can only visit people within 25km of your home. It is strongly recommended you keep your mask on when visiting friends and family. By wearing a mask, you can help keep them and you safe.
- Shops can open. While shopping you need to respect the limit of allowed patrons in a shop. This limit on patrons is in place to ensure everyone in the shop can keep 1.5 metres distance.
- Personal care and body art services can open. They can only offer services where the customer can wear a face mask during the entire service. Home-based businesses may also open, as long as they meet the required COVIDSafe rules.
- Cafes and restaurants will open, with limits of people - 20 indoors (10 per indoor space) and 50 outdoors. Business owners can find more information on current restrictions and how to keep their staff and customers safe.
- Non-contact sport outdoors can resume for adults. Non-contact means you must be able to keep 1.5 metres between everyone. Sport is limited to the minimum number of people to needed to play. For example, cricket may be played with two teams of eleven players and the necessary coaching personnel and umpires.

- For people aged 18 and under contact and non-contact sport outdoors can resume. Sport is limited to the minimum number of people needed to play.
- You can exercise outdoors in a group of up to 10 people. A trainer is allowed in addition to this limit.
- You can have an outdoor wedding with up to 10 people. This limit includes the couple and two witnesses. It doesn't include the celebrant or photographer. If a wedding is held at a private residence, private gathering restrictions apply.
- Funerals are allowed with up to 20 people. This limit doesn't include babies under 12 months of age, or the people required to conduct the funeral. If a funeral is held at a private residence, private gathering restrictions apply.
- Outdoor religious gatherings near a place of worship for up to 20 people plus a faith leader are allowed. Indoor religious ceremonies are allowed with up to 10 people plus a faith leader. While attending a religious gathering or ceremony there are steps you need to take to keep yourself and others safe including not sharing food, drink or items.
- Some outdoor entertainment venues can open.
- Accommodation remains closed for the purposes of holidaying.
- Retail, hospitality and certain entertainment venues will be able to have staff onsite to prepare for reopening from 26 October. This should be limited to the number of staff required. Permits will not be required for these workers.
- Restrictions on travelling into regional Victoria remain. Businesses including hospitality, personal services and tourism venues in regional areas must continue to check IDs. Gyms are also now required to check place of residence before providing services.
- Face masks are still required when leaving home.
- Workforce capacity limits on manufacturing, construction, medical, pharmaceutical and PPE supply sectors are removed. Site visit limits on specialist contractors are also removed.
- Tours in outdoor spaces may resume with groups of up to 10 people, plus the minimum number of people required to conduct the tour. Tours in indoor spaces are not permitted.
- Tour transport is permitted in open air vehicles, for groups of up to 10 people, plus the minimum number of people required to conduct the tour.

[Victorian Government Metro Melbourne Easing of Restrictions](#)

# REGIONAL VICTORIA

Baseball Victoria in alignment with the Victorian Government implements the Step Two restrictions across Regional Victoria from updated Sunday, 27 October 2020 from 11:59PM

Regional Victoria (including Mitchell Shire) will return to Step Two restrictions, including:

- Outdoor exercise and recreation allowed  
More specifically - "Outdoor contact and non-contact sport for people aged 18 and younger, outdoor non-contact sport only for adults, with gathering and density limits, outdoor skateparks open, outdoor fitness for groups as necessary to facilitate the sport"

General Easing of Restrictions in Regional Victoria include:

- Restrictions in regional Victoria are easing further.
- Indoor exercise, including gyms, can reopen with limits on the number of people in spaces. Exercise and classes can resume with up to 10 people per indoor space and a limit of 20 people per facility. Equipment must be cleaned between uses. You should wear a face mask unless you are out of breath. Exercise must be non-contact.
- Indoor non-contact sport can also resume for those aged 18 years and under. Up to 20 people can participate in the indoor exercise (like a dance class) with a maximum of 10 people per space. Indoor community sport is limited to the minimum number of people required to play the sport. There are limits on spectators to one parent, guardian, or carer where the child requires supervision.
- Outdoor religious gatherings can be held near a place of worship with up to 50 people plus a faith leader. While attending a religious gathering there are steps you need to take to keep yourself and others safe including not sharing food, drink or items. You must also wear a mask, unless you have an exemption.
- Indoor religious gatherings can be held with up to 10 people per group (plus a faith leader), and 20 people per facility. While attending a religious gathering there are steps you need to take to keep yourself and others safe including not sharing food, drink or items. You must also wear a mask, unless you have an exemption.
- Funerals will be allowed with up to 50 people if held outdoors. This limit doesn't include babies under 12 months of age, or the people required to conduct the funeral.
- Restrictions on the number of patrons for hospitality businesses in Greater Shepparton ease in line with the rest of Regional Victoria's limits. Greater Shepparton hospitality businesses can apply the regional Victoria Third Step restrictions from 11:59pm 25 October 2020.
- Indoor pools can open for all ages up to 20 people.
- Live music will be allowed in outdoor bars, restaurants and cafes.
- Food courts can open for indoor and outdoor dining with limits on the number of customers.
- Transport and tours may resume with limits on booking size

# RETURN TO ACTIVITY

## Currently applicable to Regional Victoria & Metro Melbourne

Under the CMO (Direction 15), Restricted Activity Directions (Melbourne), Clause 8 Community Sport, subsection (1)(e):

*Persons aged 19 years or over*

- (1) *A person aged 19 years or over may only participate in a community sport if:*
- (a) *it is conducted outdoors; and*
  - (b) *it is conducted in the Restricted Area; and*
  - (c) *it is non-contact; and*
  - (d) *it does not involve a participant who ordinarily resides in the Relevant Area; and*
  - (e) *no more than the minimum number of members of the public required to conduct the sport participate in the activity; and*
  - (f) *no more than 10 members of the public participate for individual events.*

Baseball Victoria determine the minimum and maximum number of members of the public required to conduct the sport of baseball for training activity is 20 people (in total, inclusive coaching staff).

See Directions issued by Victoria's Chief Health Officer as they apply to Community Sport – [HERE](#).

Baseball Victoria will continue with its Return to Activity as follows:

### CLUBS

- All Clubs need to nominate a COVID-19 Coordinator, who will be the Baseball Victoria direct contact for updated information and compliance.
- Clubs can now access outdoor facilities including batting cages for training while maintaining social distancing rules (1.5 metres apart, 4 square metre rule).
- Clubs can now access toilet facilities.
- It is likely in the period between 27 October and 8 November that the council facilities will remain closed, each facility and club should obtain access as required to equipment or necessary first aid.

### JUNIORS

- Junior full contact training can commence.
- Junior full contact competition can commence.

### ADULTS

- All clubs must adhere to the maximum 20 people including coaches per group.
- There can be two groups on the field, one in the diamond and one in the outfield with approximately 20 metres in between them.

- Each group may have 20 people including athletes and coaching staff; the groups may swap over at any time but need to remain in their original group of 20 people for the entire training session.
- Where multiple training sessions are being run, there must be a 15-minute gap between each training group.
- Groundskeepers, spectators and other club members may not be on the field during training, otherwise they will count toward the maximum number of people.
- All athletes, coaches and volunteers must use hand sanitiser before, during and after training. Hand sanitiser must be applied for members to obtain access to the field.
- Parents will be able to attend training with children in limited numbers while maintaining social distancing. No other spectators are permitted at training.
- All training will be conducted so that there is no personal contact and appropriate space between participants, the social distance of 1.5 metres must be maintained at all times for seniors.
- Masks must be worn at all times, the only time a mask can be removed or lowered is where there is a reasonable expectation that the athlete will need to run or immediately undertake activity that causes the athlete to breathe deeply or in a 'puffing' motion.

# RETURN TO PLAY

## Awaiting Confirmation

Baseball Victoria continues to develop the return to play protocols in line with government restrictions. Hygiene, social distancing, monitoring and testing protocols described previously still apply. Refer to the [AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport](#).

*NOTE: Currently a Return to full Contact Play for Senior members in Regional Victoria has not been confirmed.*

### RESTRICTIONS:

- Full training activities, including contact activities.
- Australian Government Health Department resources will be prominently displayed in the facilities and entry points, including handwashing, social distancing and cough advice.
- Officials and players to maintain 1.5 metres distance between each other at all times, unless during game play. Scorers desk to be cleaned during the game.
- Entry into venue and exit out of venue to be clearly identified if possible, with arrows on the ground. Designated area for incoming teams (both home and away) to gather and warm up at the venue. Limited physical contact and coming together in tight huddles during training or games.
- Access to support and treatment officials for strapping or massage is limited.
- Sports medicine equipment that used for more than one person must be sterilised between uses.
- Treatment officials to wear required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in line with Victorian Department of Health and Human Services recommendations.
- Personal drink bottles only.
- Provide external benches/chairs at the facility to maintain physical distancing on the bench.
- Treatment equipment to be wiped down and sanitised before and after each use.
- Venues to be secure with a single access point for players, officials and other personnel required at venue (such as umpires, security, media). Records of attendees to be maintained for each match.
- Entry and Exit points should be marked with signage and communicated to athletes and officials prior to commencing competition.
- Where possible, pick up and drop off zones should be established in car parks or at the front entrance to a facility to clearly indicate where people should wait, while maintaining social distance, for drop off or collection from the facility.
- Venues and accessed areas to be cleaned and sanitised before and after each use.
- Minimum contact of non-essential surfaces to occur and hands on treatment should be kept to essential only.

Baseball Victoria has prepared a list of frequently asked questions, which will be regularly updated on our website [HERE](#).

# COVIDSafe PLAN

Extracted from the COVIDSafe Plan has been developed to support businesses to safely reopen, maintain a COVIDSafe workplace, and prepare for a suspected or confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the workplace.

COVID SAFE PLAN and VICTORIAN BASEBALL ARRANGEMENTS	
<b>1. Ensure physical distancing</b>	
Requirements: You must ensure volunteers and participants and spectators are 1.5m apart as much as possible.	All training for adults is conducted as non contact training where 1.5m is a minimum requirement at all times.
Requirements: You must apply density quotient to configure shared facilities and publicly accessible spaces to ensure that – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no more than one volunteers/ participants/ spectators per four square meters of enclosed workspace</li> <li>• There is no more than one member of the public per four square meters of publicly available space indoors</li> </ul>	No use of facilities.  When facilities are available, as part of the signage package provided by Baseball Victoria, the density signage will be displayed.
Requirements: You should provide training to workers on physical distancing expectations while working and socialising. This should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informing volunteers/ participants/ spectators to follow current public health directions when carpooling. This can be found at vic.gov.au</li> <li>• Informing volunteers/ participants/ spectators to work from home wherever possible</li> </ul>	Information on car pooling provided in this Plan to all Baseball Victoria Participants (See General Requirements).  No Committee Meetings or Team Meetings are currently permitted.
<b>2. Wear a face covering</b>	
Requirements: You must ensure all workers and visitors entering the worksite wear a face covering as per public health advice. This includes – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing adequate face coverings and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to workers that do not have their own</li> </ul>	All volunteers/ participants/ spectators are required to wear masks at all time, aside from when on the field there is a reasonable expectation they may be required to engage in physical activity that increasing breathing to ‘huffing and puffing’.  Baseball Victoria Club have disposable masks available to volunteers/ participants/ spectators on request.
Requirements: You should install screens or barriers in the workspace for additional protection where relevant.	No current use inside enclosed facilities.
Requirements: You should provide training, instruction and guidance on how to correctly fit, use and dispose of PPE. You should inform volunteers/ participants/ spectators 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 washed immediately.	Information on masks provided as part of this Plan to all volunteers/ participants/ spectators (see <a href="#">General Requirements</a> ).
<b>3. Practise good hygiene</b>	

COVID SAFE PLAN and VICTORIAN BASEBALL ARRANGEMENTS	
Requirements: You must frequently and regularly clean and disinfect shared spaces, including high-touch communal items such as doorknobs and telephones.	No current use inside enclosed facilities.  High touch areas outside at the facilities, i.e. benches, fence entries, or equipment is cleaned after each use.
You should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean surfaces with appropriate cleaning products, including detergent and disinfectant</li> <li>• Replace high-touch communal items with hygienic alternatives, for example single-use or contactless options, where possible to do so</li> <li>• Clean between shifts</li> </ul>	No current use inside enclosed facilities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You should display a cleaning log in shared spaces.</li> </ul>	No current use inside enclosed facilities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You should make soap and hand sanitiser available for all volunteers/ participants/ spectators throughout the field/sporting space and encourage regular handwashing.</li> </ul>	Provided as part of outdoor training, sanitation required before and after training, as well as every 20 minutes during training (see <a href="#">General Requirements</a> ).
4. Keep records and act quickly if workers become unwell	
Requirements: You must enable volunteers/ participants/ spectators workers to get tested and stay home even if they only have mild symptoms.	Information provided as part of this Plan (see <a href="#">General Requirements</a> ).
Requirements: You must develop a business contingency plan to manage any outbreaks. This includes – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having a plan to respond to a volunteers/ participants/ spectators being notified they are a positive case while having participated in sport, noting volunteers/ participants/ spectators who show symptoms or have been in close contact should NOT attend the sport until they receive their test results</li> </ul>	Baseball Victoria’s record keeping includes contact details and options to notify all volunteers/ participants/ spectators effected by any positive case. (see <a href="#">General Requirements</a> , <a href="#">Baseball Victoria Notification Structure</a> )
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having a plan to identify and notify close contacts in the event of a positive case attending the field/sporting space during their infectious period</li> </ul>	Baseball Victoria’s registration and training session listings include contact details.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	Participants via Clubs or directly are required to notify Baseball Victoria of any positive case and where it has not already been done, Baseball Victoria would immediately contact DHHS.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Having a plan to immediately notify WorkSafe Victoria on 13 23 60 if you have identified a person with coronavirus (COVID-19) within a club or the sport overall</li> </ul>	Where these are not specific workplaces, but facilities, as part of the Baseball Victoria notification structure (see <a href="#">General Requirements</a> , <a href="#">Baseball Victoria Notification Structure</a> )



COVID SAFE PLAN and VICTORIAN BASEBALL ARRANGEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Having a plan in the event that you have been instructed to cease activity by DHHS</li> </ul>	Baseball Victoria is able to cease activity as required and notify participants.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Having a plan to re-open the sport/club/ sports area once agreed by DHHS and notify volunteers/ participants/ spectators they can return to participation</li> </ul>	Baseball Victoria is able to re-commence activity as required and notify participants.
<p>Requirements: You must keep records of all people who enter participate for contact tracing.</p>	<p>Baseball Victoria has a system of registration for all training participants, coaches and volunteers. [Link to <a href="#">BV Website, Registration</a>]</p> <p>All participants at every training session are recorded [Link to <a href="#">BV Website, VSBL Forms</a>]</p> <p>All training registrations and training session records are maintained by Baseball Victoria and reviewed daily to ensure all participants are registered.</p>
<p>Requirements: You should implement a screening system that involves temperature checking upon entry into a workplace.</p>	Not currently applied to outdoor training for community participation, but this practice is part of high-performance training (Melbourne Aces, Melbourne Aces Academy).
5. Avoid interactions in enclosed spaces	
<p>Requirements: You should reduce the amount of time volunteers/ participants/ spectators are spending in enclosed spaces. This could include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enabling working in outdoor environments</li> <li>Moving as much activity outside as possible, including serving customers, meetings, tearooms, lunchbreaks and locker rooms</li> <li>Enhancing airflow by opening windows and doors</li> <li>Optimising fresh air flow in air conditioning systems</li> </ul>	No current use inside enclosed facilities.
6. Create workforce bubbles	
<p>Requirements: You should keep groups of volunteers/ participants/ spectators rostered on the same shifts at a single worksite and ensure there is no overlap of volunteer/ participant/ spectator occurs during shift changes.</p>	No current use inside enclosed facilities.
<p>Requirements: Maintain records of all volunteers/ participants/ spectators who have disclosed that they reside with another volunteer/ participant/ spectator and ensure that there is no cross-over between shifts.</p>	No current use inside enclosed facilities.

COVID SAFE PLAN and VICTORIAN BASEBALL ARRANGEMENTS	
<b>5. Avoid interactions in enclosed spaces</b>	
<p>Requirements: You should reduce the amount of time volunteers/ participants/ spectators are spending in enclosed spaces. This could include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enabling working in outdoor environments</li> <li>• Moving as much activity outside as possible, including serving customers, meetings, tearooms, lunchbreaks and locker rooms</li> <li>• Enhancing airflow by opening windows and doors</li> <li>• Optimising fresh air flow in air conditioning systems</li> </ul>	No current use inside enclosed facilities.
<b>6. Create workforce bubbles</b>	
<p>Requirements: You should keep groups of volunteers/ participants/ spectators rostered on the same shifts at a single worksite and ensure there is no overlap of volunteer/ participant/ spectator occurs during shift changes.</p>	No current use inside enclosed facilities.
<p>Requirements: Maintain records of all volunteers/ participants/ spectators who have disclosed that they reside with another volunteer/ participant/ spectator and ensure that there is no cross-over between shifts.</p>	No current use inside enclosed facilities.

# GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

## HYGIENE

The following general hygiene practices for players and officials always apply, in line with government advice:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Wash or sanitise your hands before eating (all players and officials should have personal hand sanitiser).
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth to cough or sneeze (using your elbow).
- No sharing of towels/water bottles/food, including lolly or fruit bowls.
- Any areas (meeting rooms, treatment rooms, change rooms etc) accessed by players and officials to be comprehensively cleaned and sanitised after each use.
- Clubs to take steps to adequately clean and disinfect player facilities (once available) before and after use.
- Clubs must do all they can to reinforce the above precautions, including making appropriate hand washing facilities available, as well as the provision of alcohol-based hand sanitiser and tissues.
- Medical officials must follow protocols as outlined in infection control training (ie: disposal of gloves in between treatments, wearing of face masks).

## ADDITIONAL GAME & TRAINING HYGIENE

- Alcohol-based hand sanitisers must be available in the dugout once competition has resumed.
- Players must remain 1.5m apart at all times.
- Spitting and clearing of nasal/respiratory secretions on diamonds or other sport settings is not permitted.
- No sharing of headsets or computer screens/iPads, without cleaning measures in place.
- All equipment to be cleaned and disinfected prior and after sessions and games.
- No high fives, handshakes or other physical contact.



## TESTING

- Any advice on testing for COVID-19 will be guided by the State Government and Health officials.
- Should any member become symptomatic, they must undergo relevant testing and follow isolation procedures until the results of the test are available.
- Any other relevant testing will be implemented at the request of health professionals.

## NOTIFICATION OF POSITIVE TESTS

- Any member, participant or volunteer that has a reasonable expectation or whom receives a positive test, must notify their Club or Baseball Victoria, having already adhered to the Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services requirements to report and notify any positive test results.
- Any Baseball Victoria member (participant/coach/volunteer/club) can notify Baseball Victoria of any positive test or updated COVID information via the Baseball Victoria office telephone number: (03) 9645 8000 (this telephone number is connected to Baseball Victoria seven days a week, 24 hours a day) or via email to the Baseball Victoria CEO (Link: [Baseball Victoria Contact Details](#))
- All members MUST be registered to attend training (Link: [Baseball Victoria, Return to Training Registration](#)).

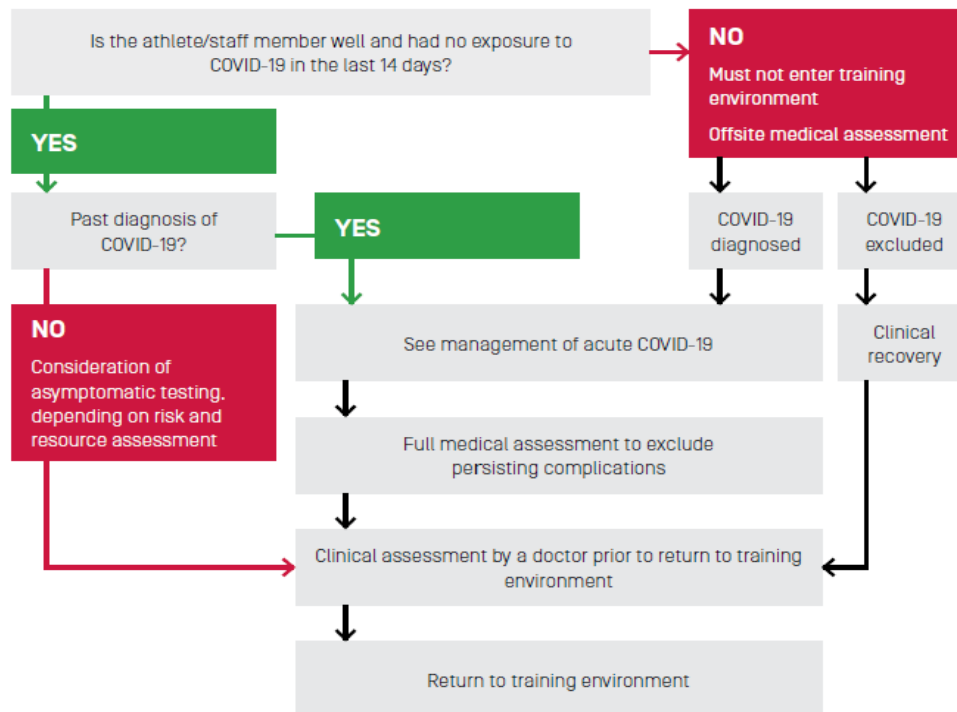
## BV NOTIFICATION STRUCTURE

Baseball Victoria:

- Requires all participants, coaches and volunteer to register to Return to Training (Link: [Baseball Victoria, Return to Training Registration](#));
- Registration requires contact details including current address and telephone number;
- All training sessions are required to submit a list of attendees to Baseball Victoria (Link: [Baseball Victoria, Return to Training Attendance](#));
- Any Baseball Victoria member (participant/coach/volunteer) can notify Baseball Victoria of any positive test or updated COVID information via the Baseball Victoria office telephone number: (03) 9645 8000 (this telephone number is connected to Baseball Victoria seven days a week, 24 hours a day) or via email to the Baseball Victoria CEO (Link: [Baseball Victoria Contact Details](#))
- Baseball Victoria will notify – DHHS, Sport and Recreation Victoria, the Local Council where the case is reported and VICSPORT.
- Baseball Victoria will notify any effected participants via their provided contact details, via text message, via email, via the Baseball Victoria website <https://baseballvictoria.com.au/>

**RETURN TO TRAINING ASSESSMENT**

- A player/official member must not join the training or playing environment if in the last 14 days they have been unwell or had contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19.



- Any player/official member who has underlying health conditions or is considered a vulnerable person should consult with a healthcare professional prior to returning to the training or match day environment. Refer to *Vulnerable Cohorts* section below.

**OFFICIALS – UMPIRES AND SCORERS**

Umpires, scorers and game day officials will follow the same protocols as players detailed in the Return to Activity when competition resumes. Baseball Victoria will be working with the Baseball Umpires Association of Victoria to ensure umpires are ready to commence a Return to Play.

**VULNERABLE COHORTS**

Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. As part of the Return to Activity with training in small groups, there will be limited coach interaction and no officials (umpires or scorers) permitted to be present. For the Return to Play, any person who is over 65 years of age or with underlying medical conditions would be required to continue to follow current social distancing requirements, and when needed, additional measures will be put into place to ensure those distancing requirements can be achieved.

## SANCTIONS

If clubs are either warned or fined by Police for breaking an enforceable direction, Baseball Victoria will follow the process under the [Baseball Victoria By-Laws](#) and [Member Protection Policy](#). If Baseball Victoria is notified of an instance where a club is reported to have breached an enforceable direction, the matter will be reported to Victorian Police.

An individual found in breach of current restrictions may be fined \$1000 on the spot and a club/association/business may be fined \$5000 on the spot by the Victorian Police. Non-compliance is considered a breach of the [Baseball Victoria Member Protection Policy](#) and [Baseball Victoria Code of Conduct](#) and as such penalties will apply.



# RESOURCE DOCUMENTS

- [AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 environment](#)
- [National Principles for the Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activities](#)
- [Baseball Victoria Website – COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [Baseball Victoria Website – Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Baseball Victoria Website – COVID-19 Club Documents](#)
- [Baseball Victoria Website – COVID- 19 Club Checklist](#)
- [Baseball Victoria Website – COVID-19 Club Signage](#)
- [Baseball Victorian Insurance – Certificates of Currency](#)
- [Australian Government COVID-19 Information](#)
- [COVIDSafe App](#)
- [Victorian Government COVID-19 Information](#)
- [Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services](#)

