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Baseball Victoria COVID-19 Update

Due to the current COVID climate around Australia with several states in lockdown, the Victorian Government announced this week that restrictions will remain at their current level with no changes until a further date.

In Victoria, the restrictions are:

- Players, parents, and spectators can attend outdoor community sport within the total cap of 1,000 people.
- Private visitors to the home increase to 15 and up to 50 people can gather outside in a public place like a park.
- Density limits increased in public settings including workplaces and restaurants, with masks still required indoors.

Community sport remains open for all ages both training and competition, within venue limits and subject to all COVIDSafe settings.

Please click [HERE](#) for the latest coronavirus information from the Victorian Government, including testing, vaccines, and [travel restrictions](#) that may impact those returning from interstate.

Return to Play COVIDSafe Plans for all clubs are available [HERE](#), and more resources can be found [HERE](#).

View our frequently asked questions [HERE](#), and remember to check in whenever you go out in the community, including to baseball training or games.

Mental Health Resources

We are pleased to be back to baseball after lockdown, and we hope all our Victorian baseballers are enjoying the winter season. We encourage our members to stay connected with their family, friends, and teammates. There is a wide variety of mental health resources available, including [R U OK?](#), [Headspace](#), [Kids Helpline](#), [Lifeline](#), and [Beyond Blue](#).

View a comprehensive list of mental health resources from the Department of Health and Human Services and Victorian State Government [HERE](#).

2021 State Winter Championships

The first of the 2021 State Winter Championships is two weekends away, and we are looking forward to exciting tournaments for junior baseballers across Victoria.

Click [HERE](#) to visit the State Winter Championships event hub and view the tournament handbook and frequently asked questions.

Local Sports Infrastructure Fund

Sport and Recreation Victoria recently announced 73 infrastructure projects that will receive a boost from the Victorian Government's Local Sports Infrastructure Fund, and two baseball venues are on the list. The Police Paddocks Softball & Baseball Batting Cage in Dandenong, home to South East Warriors, and Deep Creek Reserve, home to Doncaster Dragons, will be upgraded with successful funding applications under the Female-Friendly Facilities stream.

Click [HERE](#) to read more about the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund and how it supports baseball and other grassroots sports.

Get Active Kids Voucher Program

As a reminder, there is one week left to apply for the second round of funding through the Victorian Government's \$21 million Get Active Kids Voucher Program. The program offers vouchers to help eligible kids get involved in organised sport and recreation activities by providing up to \$200 towards the cost of membership and registration fees, sports equipment, or uniforms (new or second-hand).

Applicants can claim eligible expenses incurred between 1 January 2021 and 9 July 2021. Apply [HERE](#) before 5pm on Friday 9 July 2021 and click [HERE](#) to view more available grants.

Baseball Training on BV TV

Head to [BV TV](#) for [At-Home Baseball Training](#) and [Ramp Up to Play](#) videos with hitting, fielding, throwing, and ball handling drills, plus the [2021 Baseball Victoria Awards Night Livestream](#) and much more. Stay up-to-date with the latest baseball news [HERE](#) and follow us on [TikTok](#) and [Instagram](#) for more baseball content.

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program

Baseball Victoria is excited to share we have saved over 100 lives in 2021 as part of the [Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#), which delivers life-saving blood and plasma donations to thousands of Australians every year. Our donations have saved 105 lives so far in 2021 and we look forward to saving more in the coming months, as Australia needs 31,000 blood donations every week.

"Thank you to everyone from the Victorian baseball community who has joined Baseball Victoria on Lifeblood Teams and given back through blood donation," Baseball Victoria CEO Kristie Middleton said. "We are pleased to be making a difference and we look forward to a strong second half of the year where we can save more lives."

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Lifeblood safety measures and sign up to join the Baseball Victoria Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

You can find future pop-up clinics in your area or book your blood bank appointment at donateblood.com.au, on the Lifeblood app, or on 13 14 95.

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