A close-up photograph of a brown leather baseball glove and a white baseball with red stitching. The glove is in the background, and the ball is in the foreground, partially overlapping the glove. The text is overlaid on a dark blue diagonal shape that cuts across the image.

# BASEBALL RETURN TO PLAY COVIDSafe PLAN

Thursday 14 October 2021

*Slight Easing of Lockdown*

*Restrictions in Metro Melbourne  
and Limited Return to Training*

*in Regional Victoria*

VERSION 30



**BASEBALL**  
VICTORIA

# INTRODUCTION

Baseball Victoria, our 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.

“We are excited to announce our anticipated start date for the 2021/22 VSBL season, and we are looking forward to an awesome summer of baseball,” Baseball Victoria Interim CEO Gemma Scales said. “While this starting date is subject to Victoria reaching the required vaccination levels to return to community sport, based on the government’s projections, we are confident we will be able to get the season underway later this year.”

*Baseball Victoria Interim CEO Gemma Scales*

# PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide the Office of Sport and Recreation Victoria, local government and councils and the associated government departments 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.

# SUMMARY POSITION

Baseball Victoria is continuing to plan for the resumption of community sport and based on Victoria's Roadmap and further updates from the Victorian Government, we are expecting to start the 2021/22 VSBL season on **Saturday 13 November 2021**. This date is subject to change depending on Victorian Government restrictions and how soon the state reaches its vaccination targets that will allow for a return to training and competition.

Here are the key roadmap milestones and dates in our current plans, which will be used to confirm the VSBL season schedule in the coming weeks.

- **26-29 October - 70% of eligible Victorians fully vaccinated**
  - **Yes:** return to training commences with 13 November start date
  - **No:** shift to 4 December start date with a delayed return to training
- **5 November – 80% of eligible Victorians fully vaccinated**
  - **Yes:** proceed with 13 November start date
  - **No:** training may commence with 4 December start date, or if there is still no training, push back to a January VSBL start

The current lockdown restrictions in metropolitan Melbourne and Mildura Rural City Council include:

- Six reasons to leave home:
  - shopping for necessary goods and services (within 15km radius of home)
  - four hours of exercise, including limited outdoor personal training or contactless recreation at outdoor facilities, such as boating, tennis or golf (within 15km radius of home)
  - caregiving/compassionate/medical reasons
  - authorised work or permitted education – with valid permit only
  - getting the coronavirus vaccine
  - outdoor social interaction (picnic, walk, or other outdoor activity) with another person not from your household. Up to five adults (plus dependents) from two households may gather outdoors if all adults are fully vaccinated.
- No public or private gatherings other than for permitted outdoor social interaction
- No one-on-one or small group baseball coaching – this does not count as personal training
- No community sport
- Masks must be worn both indoors and outdoors unless an exemption applies
- Daily curfew from 9pm – 5am (metropolitan Melbourne only)

As VSBL clubs in regional Victoria, Ballarat Royals, Geelong Baycats, and Mitchell Majors may participate in community sport outdoor training only with the minimum number required to train. Spectators are prohibited except one parent permitted to supervise children. All players from these clubs will be required to complete the [return to training registration](#) for regional Victoria, and all clubs must maintain an attendance register and COVID-19 restriction compliance documentation.



Community sport training in regional Victoria may be conducted in groups of twenty (20) people, including necessary coaching or administration staff. The total number of people in a single group is twenty (20). Two groups can train on the same baseball field, in separate spaces on that field, that remain separate for the entire training session. Members from each training group cannot move between groups. Coaches cannot move between groups. A maximum of two groups of twenty people can train at any single venue.

The Baseball Victoria website contains all COVID update information in relation to specific lockdown requirements, the availability of the COVID vaccine and access to COVID information and mental health services via the COVID resource section at [www.baseballvictoria.com.au](http://www.baseballvictoria.com.au).



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## DOCUMENT VERSIONS

| DOCUMENT VERSION | APPLICABLE DATES       | CHANGES   |
|------------------|------------------------|---|
| Version 1        | 25 May – 1 June 2020   | Return to Activity  |
| Version 2        | 1 June 2020            | Activity groups from 10 to 20 athletes  |
| Version 3A       | 19 June 2020 – Onwards | Continued Activity – 20 athletes<br>Return to Contact Training – 20 athletes, Return to Baseball – Full Competition                   |
| Version 3B       | 24 June 2020           | Continued Activity – 20 Athletes, Junior Return to Baseball   |
| Version 3C       | 30 June 2020           | Continued Activity – 20 Athletes, Junior Return to Baseball,<br>Lockdown Postcode Information   |
| Version 3D       | 4 July 2020            | Continued Activity – 20 Athletes, Junior Return to Baseball,<br>ADDITION - Lockdown Postcode Information – 2 additional postcodes     |
| Version 4        | 9 July 2020            | Melbourne Metro and Mitchell Shire Lockdown – Continued Activity in Regional Victoria   |
| Version 5        | 2 August 2020          | Victorian Update Restrictions, Stage 4 Melbourne, Stage 3 Regional Victoria   |
| Version 6        | 15 September 2020      | Metro Melbourne, Remains the SAME<br>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  |
| Version 11       | 8 November 2020        | Changes to Restrictions, Roadmap next steps.  |
| Version 12       | 22 November 2020       | Additional Easing of Restrictions in to the 'Last Step' of the Government RoadMap.  |
| Version 13       | 6 December 2020        | Additional Easing of Restrictions for COVID Summer.   |
| Version 14       | 4 February 2021        | Updated restrictions, return to NYE Dated restrictions.   |
| Version 15       | 5 March 2021           | Update to new masks restrictions.   |
| Version 16       | 17 May 2021            | Updated restrictions, hot spot instructions   |
| Version 17       | 27 May 2021            | 7 Day Lockdown  |
| Version 18       | 3 June 2021            | Extended metro lockdown, easing regional restrictions   |
| Version 19       | 9 June 2021            | Easing Restrictions for Metro Melbourne<br>Further Easing of Restrictions for Regional Victoria                                       |
| Version 19.02    | 10 June 2021           | Update to the Easing of Restrictions, masks are required outdoors   |
| Version 20       | 18 June 2021           | Updated for continued easing of restrictions – play returning for metro and regional Victoria.  |
| Version 21       | 23 June 2021           | Continued easing of restrictions, Return to Play with spectators across Victoria.   |
| Version 22       | 15 July 2021           | State-wide lockdown   |
| Version 23       | 27 July 2021           | Easing of Restrictions  |
| Version 24       | 4 August 2021          | Spectators return to Community Sport  |
| Version 25       | 5 August 2021          | Lockdown 6  |
| Version 26       | 9 August 2021          | Lockdown 6 – Easing of Restrictions for Regional Victoria   |
| Version 27       | 11 August 2021         | Lockdown 6 Metro Extension – updated for regional 21 August and extension 1 September   |
| Version 28       | 8 September 2021       | Easing of regional restrictions, metropolitan Melbourne remains the same  |
| Version 29       | 17 September 2021      | Lockdown in Ballarat, slight easing of restrictions in metropolitan Melbourne   |
| Version 30       | 1 October 2021         | Victoria's Roadmap, easing of restrictions  |

# 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.



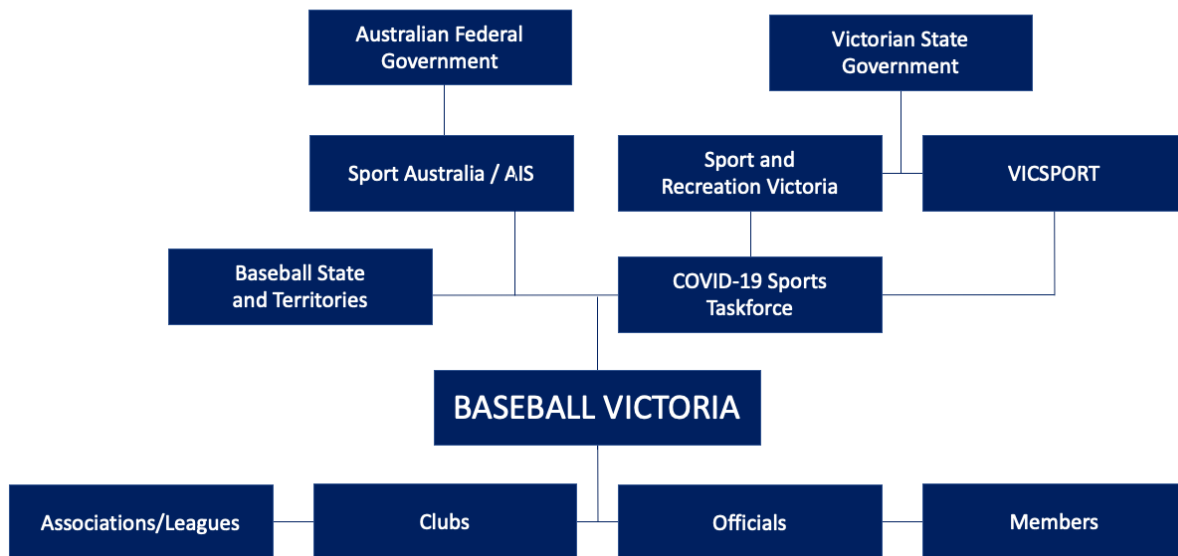


# RESOURCES

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 activity restrictions are 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 Government’s 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.

|                 | Metropolitan Melbourne and parts of regional Victoria lockdown restrictions | Regional Victoria settings (no lockdown)   |
|-----------------|---|--|
| Community sport | None  | Permitted outdoor training only with the minimum number required to train. Spectators are prohibited except one parent permitted to supervise children |

Community sport training in non-lockdown areas of regional Victoria may be conducted in groups of twenty (20) people, including necessary coaching or administration staff. The total number of people in a single group is twenty (20).

Two groups can train on the same baseball field, in separate spaces on that field, that remain separate for the entire training session. Members from each training group cannot move between groups. Coaches cannot move between groups. A maximum of two groups of twenty people can train at any single venue.



# COVIDSafe PLAN for VICTORIAN CLUBS

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. **Please note only regional Victoria is currently allowed to return to training, limited to the minimum number required to train and any lockdown restrictions. Baseball clubs in metropolitan Melbourne may not train or return to any in-person activity during lockdown. This plan will apply throughout our return to activity and eventual return to play.**

| COVID SAFE PLAN and VICTORIAN BASEBALL ARRANGEMENTS   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Ensure physical distancing   |   |
| Requirements: You must ensure volunteers and participants and spectators are 1.5m apart as much as possible.  | Full contact training will recommence, where they may be instances where players are closer than 1.5m, however all discussions, off field activity will be conducted with social distancing where possible. |
| 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>                         | 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 carpooling provided in this Plan to all Baseball Victoria Participants (See General Requirements).   |

| 2. Wear a face covering   |   |
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| <p>Requirements: You must ensure all workers and visitors entering the worksite wear a face covering as per public health advice. This includes –</p> <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>                             | <p>All volunteers/ participants/ spectators are strongly recommended to wear masks at all time where they cannot use social distancing, 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'.</p> <p>Baseball Victoria clubs have disposable masks available to volunteers/ participants/ spectators on request.</p> |
| <p>Requirements: You should install screens or barriers in the workspace for additional protection where relevant.</p>  | <p>Applicable where necessary for canteen/food service or bar products at the requirements of the Club's COVID Plan for hospitality.</p>  |
| <p>Requirements: You should provide training, instruction and guidance on how to correctly fit, use and dispose of PPE.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>Information on masks provided as part of this Plan to all volunteers/ participants/ spectators (see <a href="#">General Requirements</a>).</p>   |
| 3. Practise good hygiene  |   |
| <p>Requirements: You must frequently and regularly clean and disinfect shared spaces, including high-touch communal items such as doorknobs and telephones.</p>   | <p>Cleaning will be conducted in accordance with local council facilities requirements.</p> <p>High touch areas outside at the facilities, i.e. benches, fence entries, or equipment is cleaned after each use.</p>   |
| <p>You should:</p> <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>        | <p>Cleaning will be conducted in accordance with local council facilities requirements.</p>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You should display a cleaning log in shared spaces.</li> </ul>   | <p>Provided.</p>  |



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| <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>   | <p>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>).</p>   |
| <p><b>4. Keep records and act quickly if workers become unwell</b></p>  |   |
| <p>Requirements: You must enable volunteers/ participants/ spectators workers to get tested and stay home even if they only have mild symptoms.</p>   | <p>Information provided as part of this Plan (see <a href="#">General Requirements</a>).</p>  |
| <p>Requirements: You must develop a business contingency plan to manage any outbreaks. This includes –</p> <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> | <p>Baseball Victoria's record keeping includes contact details and options to notify all volunteers/ participants/ spectators effected by any positive case.<br/>(see <a href="#">General Requirements</a>, <a href="#">Baseball Victoria Notification Structure</a>)</p> |
| <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>   | <p>Baseball Victoria's registration and training session listings include contact details.</p>  |
| <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>   | <p>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.</p>   |
| <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>  | <p>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>)</p>  |
| <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>  | <p>Baseball Victoria is able to cease activity as required and notify participants.</p>   |
| <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>   | <p>Baseball Victoria is able to re-commence activity as required and notify participants.</p>   |

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| <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</a>]</p> <p>All locations will be using the Secure Victoria, <a href="#">Victorian Government QR Code System</a>.</p> |
| <p>Requirements: You should implement a screening system that involves temperature checking upon entry into a workplace.</p>   | <p>Not currently applied to outdoor training for community participation, but this practice is part of high-performance training (Melbourne Aces, Melbourne Aces Academy).</p>   |
| <p><b>5. Avoid interactions in enclosed spaces</b></p>   |  |
| <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> | <p>Consideration given to where this is possible.</p> <p>Baseball Victoria continues to provide online meeting options.</p>  |
| <p><b>6. Create workforce bubbles</b></p>  |  |
| <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>  | <p>This will form part of hospitality COVID Plans.</p>   |
| <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>  | <p>This will form part of hospitality COVID Plans.</p>   |

# 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.
- 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.



## 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.

## “HOT SPOTS” aka PUBLIC EXPOSURE SITES

Where public exposure sites also known as “hot spots” are identified by any state, territory or the federal government, players and officials must follow the directions for those exposure sites and where necessary not attend baseball activity in line with those directions (to isolate, quarantine or await test results).

Listings for all exposure sites are listed [HERE](#).

## 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

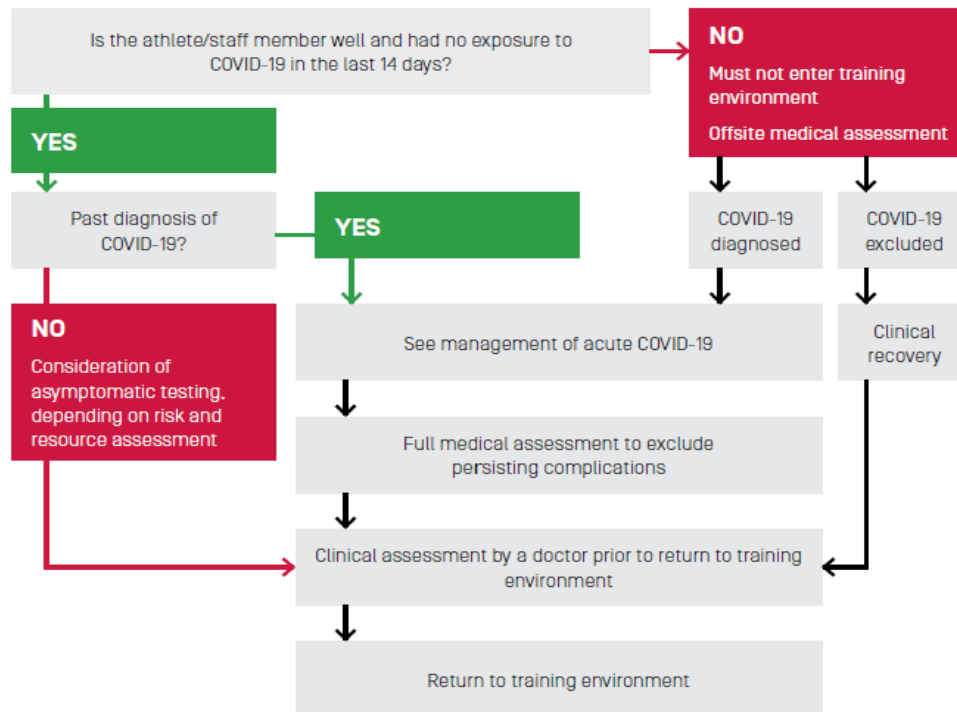
Baseball Victoria:

- 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 affected participants via their provided contact details, via text message, via email, via the Baseball Victoria website <https://baseballvictoria.com.au/>



## RETURN TO PLAY 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.

# INSURANCE

Baseball Victoria has provided insurance cover throughout the winter and summer shutdown of baseball activity.

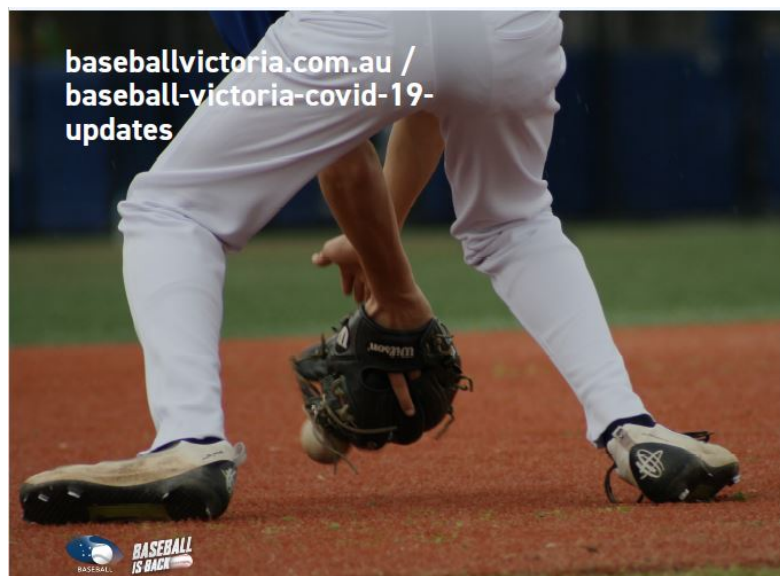
Australian baseball's insurance is provided via a national scheme with Baseball Australia, and each of the states and territories.

Baseball insurance cover includes:

- Public & products liability
- Professional indemnity
- Personal accident
- Property & equipment
- Management liability (directors & officers liability)
- Travel insurance
- Cyber liability and privacy protection

Copies of all Baseball Victoria/Baseball Australia policy statements can be accessed [HERE](#).

Certificates of currency for any baseball club can be accessed [HERE](#).



# 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](#)
- [Coronavirus.vic.gov.au](#)
- [Victorian Government Department of Health and Human Services](#)



# CLUB LISTINGS

## Full Listing of Clubs – Alphabetically

|                     |                        |                       |
|---------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Alfredton           | Footscray              | North Western Titans  |
| Bacchus Marsh       | Forest Hill            | Northcote             |
| Ballarat Royals     | Frankston              | Ormond Glenhuntly     |
| Bellarine           | Geelong                | Pakenham              |
| Benalla             | Glen Iris              | Pivot City            |
| Bendigo East        | Greenhills Montmorency | Porepunkah            |
| Berwick City        | Greensborough          | Port Melbourne        |
| Berwick Dodgers     | Guild All-Stars        | Preston               |
| Blackburn           | Hawks                  | Research Lower Plenty |
| Bonbeach            | Heathmont              | Ringwood              |
| Boneo Braves        | Knox                   | Saints (Mildura)      |
| Bundoora            | La Trobe Uni           | Sale                  |
| Chelsea             | Lara                   | Sandringham           |
| Cheltenham          | Malmsbury              | Scots                 |
| Cheltenham (Winter) | Malvern                | South East Warriors   |
| Churchill           | Melbourne              | Springvale            |
| Colac               | Melbourne Uni          | St Kilda              |
| Corio               | Mitchell Majors        | Strathfieldsaye       |
| Croydon             | Moe/Newborough         | Sunshine              |
| Dandenong           | Monash University      | Traralgon             |
| Deakin              | Moorabbin              | Upwey Ferntree Gully  |
| Diamond Creek       | Mordialloc             | Wanderers             |
| Dingley             | Mornington             | Wangaratta            |
| Doncaster           | Morwell                | Watsonia              |
| Eagles (Mildura)    | Mulgrave               | Waverley              |
| East Belmont Saints | NASC Bears             | Werribee              |
| Essendon            | Newport                | Westgarth             |
| Falcons             | North Balwyn           | Williamstown          |
| Fitzroy             | North Coburg Rebels    | Wodonga               |



# CLUB LISTINGS

Regional Victoria, including Suburb and LGA

| CLUB                | SUBURB          | LGA             |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Alfredton           | Lake Wendouree  | Ballarat        |
| Bacchus Marsh       | Bacchus Marsh   | Moorabool       |
| Ballarat Royals     | Wendouree       | Ballarat        |
| Bellarine           | Wallington      | Greater Geelong |
| Benalla             | Benalla         | Benalla         |
| Bendigo East        | Quarry Hill     | Greater Bendigo |
| Churchill           | Churchill       | Latrobe         |
| Colac               | Colac           | Colac Otway     |
| Corio               | Corio           | Greater Geelong |
| Deakin              | Waurm Ponds     | Greater Geelong |
| Eagles (Mildura)    | Mildura         | Mildura         |
| East Belmont Saints | Grovedale       | Greater Geelong |
| Falcons             | Eaglehawk       | Greater Bendigo |
| Geelong             | Grovedale       | Greater Geelong |
| Guild All-Stars     | Grovedale       | Greater Geelong |
| Hawks               | Mildura         | Mildura         |
| Lara                | Lara            | Greater Geelong |
| Malmsbury           | Malmsbury       | Greater Bendigo |
| Moe/Newborough      | Moe             | Latrobe         |
| Morwell             | Morwell         | Latrobe         |
| NASC Bears          | Lavington       | Albury City     |
| Porepunkah          | Porepunkah      | Alpine          |
| Saints (Mildura)    | Merbein         | Mildura         |
| Sale                | Sale            | Wellington      |
| Scots               | Eaglehawk       | Greater Bendigo |
| Strathfieldsaye     | Strathfieldsaye | Greater Bendigo |
| Traralgon           | Traralgon       | Latrobe         |
| Wanderers           | Mildura         | Mildura         |
| Wangaratta          | Wangaratta      | Wangaratta      |
| Wodonga             | Wodonga         | Wodonga         |