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TO: BASEBALL VICTORIA MEMBERS
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FROM: BASEBALL VICTORIA
SUBJECT: COVID-19 UPDATE, RAMP UP TO PLAY, COACH ACCREDITATION,
SRV FUNDING, GET ACTIVE VICTORIA, LIFEBLOOD

Baseball Victoria COVID-19 Update

Victoria has surpassed the 70 percent double dose vaccination target with metropolitan Melbourne and Mildura enjoying greater freedoms after lockdown. Baseball Victoria acknowledges many clubs are eager to get back on the field, however, we must follow all Victorian Government directions and we, alongside many other community sport organisations, need additional clarifications before we can finalise our COVIDSafe plan so clubs can get council approval for training.

As part of Victoria's *Roadmap to Deliver the National Plan*, the changes now in effect across metropolitan Melbourne and Mildura include:

- Reasons to leave home and curfew no longer in place.
- 10 people including dependents can visit your home per day.
- Pubs, clubs, and entertainment venues can open to 20 fully vaccinated people indoors and 50 outdoors.
- 15 people can gather outdoors, community sport training returns for the minimum required to hold training.

Although Baseball Victoria is awaiting clarification from the Victorian Government to confirm our COVIDSafe plan for the full return to training, the following details have been confirmed for the return to outdoor community sport training in metropolitan Melbourne:

- Community sport training is outdoors only as indoor facilities including changerooms and covered batting tunnels remain closed. Participants can only go inside to use the toilets.
- Confirmation of vaccination status is not required at this stage, meaning participants can attend regardless of if they are vaccinated.
- Baseball Victoria clubs must comply with CHO directions and any additional directions of your landowners.

We have opened the [return to training registration](#), which all participants must complete before training.

Please click [HERE](#) for all the details on our latest announcement.

Baseball Victoria continues to seek clarification from Vicsport and Sport & Recreation Victoria on the COVIDSafe measures required to resume community sport training and play. These additional details will guide an updated version of the Baseball Victoria Return to Play COVIDSafe Plan.

As we transition out of lockdown, remember to look after yourself and your friends, family, and teammates.

To access mental health support resources, including [R U OK?](#), [Headspace](#), [Kids Helpline](#), [Lifeline](#), and [Beyond Blue](#), please click [HERE](#).

[Ramp Up to Play on BV TV](#)

With summer baseball hopefully just weeks away, we encourage all baseballers to get ready with our [Ramp Up to Play](#) video series on [BV TV](#). We also have new [At-Home Baseball Training](#) drills to prepare your throwing skills. Keep up-to-date on all the latest Victorian baseball stories [HERE](#) and connect with us on [TikTok](#) and [Instagram](#) for more baseball news from across Victoria and beyond.

[BV Coaching Accreditation Update](#)

With the 2021/22 VSBL season just around the corner, Baseball Victoria reminds all coaches to check their accreditation is up-to-date. We have a variety of valuable coaching resources that align with Baseball Australia's USA Baseball Certification, which was introduced in 2020.

Click [HERE](#) to read our full coaching accreditation update and learn more about coach education resources.

[Government Funding for Sporting Clubs](#)

Applications are open for the \$10 million fourth round of the *Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package*. Clubs can apply for a grant of \$1,500 and local leagues and associations \$2,500 to cover costs and lost revenue associated with the cancellation of training, development programs and competition.

Applications close next Friday 29 October 2021. For more details, visit the [Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package](#) page. Click [HERE](#) for a full list of available grants, including CADBURY Get in the Game Grants to support girls and women's sports and Engage! and FReeZA grants to support young Victorians.

[Get Active Kids Voucher Program](#)

The Victorian Government is helping Victorian kids get outside and be active with applications now open for the third round of the \$21 million Get Active Kids Voucher Program. To be eligible, children must be Victorian residents, aged 18 and under, and named on a valid health care card or pensioner concession card, as well as a Medicare card.

Applications in Round 3 of the program close at 5pm on Tuesday 30 November 2021, and expenditure can be backdated to 1 January 2021 to cover sporting memberships, registration fees, uniforms and equipment. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and apply today.

[Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#)

Baseball Victoria has saved 186 lives this year as part of the [Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Teams Program](#), which delivers life-saving blood and plasma donations to thousands of Australians annually. We look forward to saving more lives before the end of the year, as Australia needs 31,000 blood donations every week. Please sign up to save lives with the Baseball Victoria Lifeblood Team [HERE](#).

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