

CRICKET VICTORIA COVID-19 UPDATE (October 22, 2021)

MANDATORY VACCINATION POSITION?

The Victorian State Government today released detailed documentation in respect to the rules in place following Victoria achieving 70% double dose (and 90% single dose) vaccination levels. Based on current State Government advice received today, important aspects to note are as follows:

Is full vaccination a mandatory requirement to be involved in outdoor community cricket?

NO. Whilst full (double dose) vaccination status is strongly recommended by Cricket Victoria for all people eligible to be vaccinated, you do not need to be vaccinated to play, coach, umpire or volunteer at an outdoor community cricket club this summer. External groups who use cricket club facilities (e.g. Personal Trainers) will need to comply with mandatory vaccination requirements however outdoor community sports clubs (such as cricket clubs) are exempt from this requirement.

Are there any restrictions that may be imposed on unvaccinated people involved in community cricket?

POSSIBLY. The State Government is looking in to whether unvaccinated people can enter indoor areas such as social rooms or change rooms at cricket clubs (outside of toilet or emergency access which will be open for all). As soon as this is made known by the State Government, Cricket Victoria will share this widely and address the process for how this will work regarding checking the status of the small % of the population who remain unvaccinated.

Will clubs still need to use the Service Victoria QR code check-in?

YES. Clubs will need to have QR code signage up and monitor that all players, officials, volunteers are checking in on arrival to all training session and matches.

Is full vaccination a requirement for indoor sports – including indoor cricket or indoor training?

YES. N.B.: Indoor centres are currently open in Regional Victoria (subject to density limits) and remain closed in Melbourne until we reach 80% double dose rates. Mandatory vaccination will be a requirement for all sports played indoors until further notice.

Can a council / shire impose more restrictive rules than this?

YES. Whilst Cricket Victoria hope that councils will support the State Government position and not impose further restrictions than required, this is possible and early contact should be made with your local council / shire to check.

Will my local school allow access to ovals, nets, changerooms, toilets?

POSSIBLY. Each school may be a slightly different position regarding the timing of access to each element above and whether any restrictions will be in place for unvaccinated people. CV continues to encourage clubs to reach out to any local schools that are used for community cricket to verify access.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

N.B.: The below is based on information currently available from the State Government. It is subject to change and therefore should be used as a current guide for clubs.

@ 70% DOUBLE DOSE (22 October onwards)

STATEWIDE (unless indicated)
No matches v other opponents
Organised training permitted Nets, centre wicket training & match simulation ('intra-club') training permitted N.B.: No club v opposition club (or representative) practice matches until 80% double dose
No group size limit (only those who need to be there – coaches / players) – however small group size (e.g. 6-8) who are separated before, during & after training will help reduce COVID spread
Change rooms / social rooms to remain closed (except toilet access)
Only fully vaccinated 'permitted workers' (e.g. coaches employed by the club) with a worker permit can cross between Metro & Regional Vic this week – until the ability to travel between Metropolitan Melbourne & Regional Victoria will be open to all at 80%
Masks required (except whilst actively batting, bowling & fielding)
Regional Vic – Indoor training allowed (up to 30 people per facility at any one time subject to vaccination status)

Currently expected @ 80% DOUBLE DOSE (estimate approx. October 31)

STATEWIDE
Matches & Woolworths Cricket Blast program permitted
State Government position re: indoor access for unvaccinated people - TBC
Spectators permitted (likely up to 1:2sqm outdoors - max. 500 & 1:4sqm indoors – max. 150)
Indoor cricket training & matches allowed (likely 1:4sqm – up to 150 max) for fully vaccinated people
Changerooms, social rooms, canteens open in line with density rules
Masks only required whilst indoors

ONGOING ADVICE

Please continue to check out the COVID-19 section of the CV website regularly for updates as they come to hand via <https://www.cricketvictoria.com.au/clubs-support/covid-19/>

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