



#### **COVID Protocols Appendix Applicable to Greater Melbourne Only – Commencing 6pm 25th of May – 11.59pm 4th of June 2021**

Participating in training, games and NAB AFL Auskick in a safe, hygienic and controlled manner is paramount to the AFL. The safety and wellbeing of our participants is our number one priority.

We will continue to work with the Victorian State Government to ensure alignment with their advice. Our primary focus is ensuring training, games and Auskick is conducted in a safe environment in a well-prepared and educated manner.

AFL Victoria will continue to follow any direction from the Victorian State Government so that any football activity (including community football and Auskick) in Victoria does not compromise the health of individuals or the community.

In line with current Victorian Government advice clubs and Auskick Centres must follow the following directions:

#### **MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:**

- Masks indoors are mandatory for people over 12 years old or unless there is a lawful exception within the Greater Melbourne area
- If you are doing exercise or a physical activity where you are out of breath or puffing, such running, you do not need to wear a face mask. You must wear a face mask before and after you exercise
- A density quotient of one per two square metres applies for indoor and outdoor spaces
- Social Distancing is to be maintained at all times when not participating
- QR Codes are mandatory and need to be used for all in attendance at the relevant venues
- All venues must use the free Victorian Government QR Service for record keeping (venues must have this in place from 6pm Friday 28 May.). QR Code Signage must be displayed through the venue including at entrances to the ground
- <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/register-to-use-vic-gov-qr-code-service>
- All clubs and Auskick Centres must have a COVIDSafe Plan (A template can be found on AFL Victoria's website)
- Club's utilising venues with a capacity of over 500 people must publish their COVIDSafe Plan on their website.

#### **MANDATORY TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS:**

- All players/officials travelling to regional Victoria by anyone who resides in Greater Melbourne area takes the restrictions with them currently applicable for greater Melbourne
- Travel is allowed between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria for training, games and Auskick
- Metropolitan Melbourne restrictions travel with you for example face masks must be worn indoors
- If you visit someone outside of metropolitan Melbourne, they must not have more than five visitors to their home in that day
- As a spectator if you attend training, matches or Auskick outside of Greater Melbourne, you should not gather in groups of more than 30 people
- Victorians visiting regional Victoria from Melbourne will also need to wear a face mask when indoors even when outside of metropolitan Melbourne, unless an exception applies.



#### RECOMMENDED REQUIREMENTS:

In addition, to ensure the safety of participants, clubs, leagues, and Auskick Centres can take the additional safety precautions:

- AFL Victoria strongly recommends the “get in and get out” approach for training, games and Auskick
- Spectators may watch community football games, training and Auskick, but should not gather in groups of more than 30 people. COVID Safe Marshalls should encourage groups of spectators to remain separated while watching sport
- Limit the access to social rooms and change rooms in line with the current guidelines and ensure essential staff only
- AFL Victoria would recommend that anyone attending training come dressed and ready to play/train and then get out
- Only essential staff to be in attendance for example, Coaches, Officials and Trainers
- Juniors – parents watching training and matches should not gather beyond groups of 30 and use the approach of drop off and pick up
- Auskick - spectators attending Auskick programs should not gather beyond groups of 30

#### POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES

- Localised outbreaks may require clubs to restrict activity and clubs and Auskick Centres must be ready to respond accordingly. The detection of a positive COVID-19 case in a club or Auskick Centres will result in a standard public health response, which may include quarantine of a whole team or large group, and close contacts, for the required period.
- Facilities may be closed on the instruction of the local Public Health Authority or the Chief Health Officer. Re-opening of the training facility should only occur after close consultation with the local Public Health Authority.
- Where there is a positive COVID-19 case, the participant, player or official must notify their Club immediately. The Club must notify their League who will notify AFL Victoria and the Public Health Authority. The Club and League must then follow the advice of the Public Health Authority or Chief Health Officer who will determine requirement for quarantining individuals, groups or teams (and their close contacts) and whether the training facility can be used.

#### APPLICABLE LGA'S;

Greater Melbourne means the municipal districts under the local government of:

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| (a) Banyule City Council;           | (q) Maroondah City Council;             |
| (b) Bayside City Council;           | (r) Melbourne City Council;             |
| (c) Boroondara City Council;        | (s) Melton City Council;                |
| (d) Brimbank City Council;          | (t) Monash City Council;                |
| (e) Cardinia Shire Council;         | (u) Moonee Valley City Council;         |
| (f) Casey City Council;             | (v) Moreland City Council;              |
| (g) Darebin City Council;           | (w) Mornington Peninsula Shire Council; |
| (h) Frankston City Council;         | (x) Nillumbik Shire Council;            |
| (i) Glen Eira City Council;         | (y) Port Phillip City Council;          |
| (j) Greater Dandenong City Council; | (z) Stonnington City Council;           |
| (k) Hobsons Bay City Council;       | (aa) Whitehorse City Council;           |
| (l) Hume City Council;              | (bb) Whittlesea City Council;           |
| (m) Kingston City Council;          | (cc) Wyndham City Council;              |
| (n) Knox City Council;              | (dd) Yarra City Council;                |
| (o) Manningham City Council;        | (ee) Yarra Ranges Shire Council;        |
| (p) Maribyrnong City Council;       |   |