

Process for a Suspected COVID Case



(Victoria)

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A Player/Official must not join in at training, attend the Club or a competitive match if in the last 14 days they have been unwell, or had contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19. If a Player/Official has arrived at training or competition or has reported to be feeling unwell following training or competition, the following steps should apply.

Has the Player/Official had contact with or exposure to a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in the previous 14 days?

NO

Player/Official is to seek full medical clearance prior to returning to training or competition.

YES

Player/Official - Notify their Club COVIDSafe Officer and either stay at home or immediately return home. Player/Official is to get tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible and remain in isolation pending the outcome of the results.

Has the Player/Official tested Positive for COVID-19?

NO

Player/Official is to seek full medical clearance prior to returning to training or competition.

YES

Player/Official - Notify the Club's COVIDSafe Officer and follow any advice provided by the Public Health Authorities.

COVIDSafe Officer - Notify the relevant Competition Manager immediately and collate training registers for submission to Public Health Authority to assist with Contact Tracing. AFL Victoria will assist Leagues and clubs if there is a positive case.

NOTE: Localised outbreaks may require sporting organisations to again restrict activity and those organisations must be ready to respond accordingly. The detection of a positive COVID-19 case in a sporting or recreation club or organisation will result in a standard public health response, which could include quarantine of a whole team or large group, and close contacts, for the required period.

Has advice been given from the Public Health Authority for a team(s) or venue(s) to be placed into quarantine or isolation for an extended period?

NO

Player/Official is to seek full medical clearance prior to returning to training or competition. Venues of concern to undertake a thorough facility and equipment clean prior to the next training session or competitive match.

YES

Affiliated League - Notify all clubs and venues of the recommendations of the Public Health Authority. Affiliated League will adjudicate on the requirement to postpone or relocate games if required under the guidance of the Public Health Authority, and in line with their respective State Rules and Procedures.

NOTE: Facilities may be closed on the instruction of the local Public Health Authority or the State Chief Medical Officer. Re-opening of the training facility should only occur after close consultation with the local Public Health Authority. There cannot be any certainty of the impact on Competitions, as the Public Health Authorities will review each incident on a case by case basis, respective to their State.

What is the (League) rule for the postponement or cancellation of games?

Example League Community Rules and Procedures 2020: 4.8 Cancellation or Suspension of Matches

- Cancellation, postponement, or suspension of any match must be done in consultation with the relevant Competition Manager. AFLQ and/or the Affiliate League reserve the right to re-schedule, cancelled, postpone or suspended matches in consultation with the competing clubs. For clarity, the game is not required to be played within two (2) weeks of the postponement but must be rescheduled in that two (2) week period.
- Games must be rescheduled within two (2) weeks of the cancelled game and by agreement between AFLQ and the two (2) competing clubs. In the event that the competing clubs cannot reach agreement, AFLQ or the relevant Affiliate League will re-schedule the game.
- For the rules governing incomplete matches refer to the Laws of Australian Football.
- In the event that AFLQ or the Affiliate League determines that it is not possible to re-schedule the match, due to circumstances beyond the control of all parties involved, the result will be a draw with two match points being awarded to each team. Clubs will be permitted to enter a team sheet for these matches.