



Covid Safe Plan

Ringwood City Soccer Club - Covid Safe Plan			
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Related Parties			
All parties related to the Club, including but not limited to i.e. Committee, Coaches, Team Managers, Players, Parents/Spectators et al.			
Requirements			
Disseminate to the Club and ensure copy available at www.ringwoodcitysc.com.au .			

RINGWOOD CITY SOCCER CLUB COVID-19 COMMITMENT STATEMENT

As a club we are fully committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our members (volunteers, players, personnel, families, spectators) and the wider community. We are committed to implementing practices in line with guidance available from Sport Australia, Football Federation Australia (FFA), Football Victoria (FV), our local council, the Victorian State Government and other relevant authorities applicable to our club.

We also acknowledge the directions imposed by the Victorian State Government will be followed as we undertake football activities, and we commit to adhering to the latest advice from Football Victoria and the Victorian State Government in this regard.

It is important for Ringwood City Soccer Club (RCSC) to lead and promote a strong culture of COVID-19 Safety for the health and wellbeing of participants and the broader community.



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1. PHYSICAL DISTANCING

All participants, including but not limited to coaches, club/association personnel, parents, permitted spectators, etc., need to ensure they are 1.5 metres apart as much as possible.

RCSC promotes social distancing by:

- Displaying signs to show patron limits at the entrance of enclosed areas where limits apply (e.g. clubroom or changeroom)
- Limit the number of participants to the minimum required (i.e. limit training to usual squad size and coaching staff required)
- Limit spectators to one per participant, and only where parental supervision is required, or where care is required for a participant with additional needs
- Discourage carpooling to training/matches
- When required, zone training areas to limit intermingling between training groups
- When required, stagger training start times, leaving 15 minutes between training sessions
- When required, limit use of seats and toilet or changing cubicles at facility to every second seat/cubicle
- Encourage the use of separate entry and exit points to limit congregation at the start and end of training
- Conduct meetings remotely, where possible

2. FACE COVERINGS

All participants are required to adhere to the requirements set by the State Government regarding face coverings. This means that everyone above the age of 12 years old must carry a face mask with them when they leave their home. All persons above the age of 12 must wear face coverings in line with State Government requirements, unless they have a lawful reason for not doing so.



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3. GOOD HYGIENE

Additional hygiene measures are a priority. Everyone associated with RCSC is expected to maintain good hygiene.

RCSC promotes good hygiene practices by:

- Ensuring that cleaning products and disinfectants are accessible to participants
- Venue/facility cleaning and disinfecting on a frequent and scheduled basis, ensuring particular frequency for high touch surfaces and bathrooms/change rooms, as well as equipment
- Ensuring that handsoap and sanitiser dispensers are regularly refilled and always available for participants
- Display posters on good hygiene and handwashing practices in prominent places and establish hygiene stations at entrances and throughout the venue/facility to encourage good hand hygiene

4. RECORD KEEPING AND ACTION PLAN

All venues and clubs/associations must keep records of every person who attend the venue/facility or participates in community sport and recreation.

To this end, it is a requirement that all those attending RCSC premises (i.e. Jubilee Park and JW Manson Reserve):

- register using the Service Victoria QR code service, signs for which are displayed around the Club

When it is brought to RCSC's attention that a worker, participant or volunteer who is a confirmed case of COVID-19 has attended RCSC venues/facilities while they are infectious, the Club will:

- a. Undertake a risk assessment
- b. Contact DHHS and Worksafe



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- c. Determine hot spots
- d. Clean the premises

5. AVOID INTERACTIONS IN ENCLOSED SPACES

As part of creating a safe environment that addresses risks associated with potential exposure to coronavirus (COVID-19), RCSC endeavours to minimise interactions conducted in enclosed spaces and maximise ventilation, air quality and use of outdoor spaces.

In the context of football, that this most relevant to the use of toilets, changerooms, storage rooms and canteens. To this end, RCSC will endeavour to:

- Maximise ventilation where participants are required to be indoors, i.e. by opening windows and outside doors where possible
- Limit indoor interactions
- Consider staggering change times where practicable
- Encourage participants to change at home and limit use of toilet facilities
- Restrict and control access to shower facilities

6. WORKFORCE BUBBLES

'Workforce bubbles' can help reduce the risk of infection and support contact tracing initiatives. A 'workforce bubble' in the football context is a defined group – coaching staff, necessary health/training staff, participants – who limit their in-person interactions to other members of the group. This reduces the number of individuals that each person comes into contact with, rather than the number of interactions. This would contain any positive COVID-19 cases to a confined group.

Bubbles can be achieved in football by, when required:



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- Limit training sessions to players only and the minimum staff required for coaching
- Follow rules around limiting spectators to one per participant, and only where parental supervision is required, or where care is required for a participant with additional needs
- Use clearly marked training zones to maintain consistent training groups
- Minimise player movement between teams or squads
- Stagger training sessions
- Discourage carpooling to training/matches
- Limit sharing of equipment between training group, where possible
- Clean any shared equipment between sessions and/or prior to it being used by another training group