

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 SFNL rule for the postponement or cancellation of games?

13.4 MATCH NOT ABLE TO PROCEED

13.4.1 Where a match is not able to commence or proceed for any reason other than already provided for in the SFNL By-Laws, the League will have regard to the health and safety of the Players and any other relevant matters in order to determine whether a match is unable to commence or proceed.

13.4.2 If a match is unable to commence or proceed under this sub By-Law, the League will have discretion to decide the result of the match and whether the game will be played or not.