

COVID-19 UPDATE 4TH NOVEMBER 2021



UPDATE FOR CLUBS AND MEMBERS

Victoria's Chief Health Officer has determined that Victoria is now able to move forward in opening up and more restrictions have fallen away. Thank you to the Pony Club Victoria community who have helped us get here!

Metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria will be subject to the same state-wide settings under Phase C of the [Roadmap: Delivering the National Plan](#).

The new settings include eased density and capacity limits and came into effect at 6pm Friday 29th October 2021.

There are two types of sport covered by the new directives.

COMMUNITY SPORT: the definition of community sport is all community sport playing activities that are authorised by the State Sporting Association. This includes training and competition for members of the association. Community sport does not have vaccination settings for participants, spectators or coaches/officials/volunteers at this time.

However:

- The community sport must be the only activity at the facility or grounds.
 - If your grounds are open to a range of users, your community sport activity must be held in your own separate space, with separate entrance, toilets, parking and use of facilities.
- There is a clause that anyone who leaves home to work must be vaccinated.
<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/how-we-work-current-restrictions>

SOCIAL (PHYSICAL RECREATION) SPORT: recreational sports activity not organised by a club or sporting association for its members. This setting has the requirement for patrons to be vaccinated if aged 16+.

The following directions apply to pony club rallies, clinics and club competition 'community sport' settings.

COMMUNITY SPORT

- Rallies and clinics are allowed with the minimum number of persons required to hold the activity.
- Competitions are allowed with the minimum number of persons required to hold the activity.
- Density quotients of DQ4 for indoor activities and DQ2 for outdoor activities.
- Up to a maximum of 500 participants allowed outdoors including riders, organisers, officials, parents/guardians, coaches etc.
- Spectators are permitted subject to public gathering limits in the stay safe directions No. 28 in groups of no more than 30 (multiple groups must be reasonably spaced out). These patrons are included in venue cap/participant numbers. If density limits and quotas are reached through participants then spectators are not permitted. [Directions issued by Victoria's Chief Health Officer | health.vic.gov.au](#)
- Covid Check-in Marshal required at designated entrance/s to ensure all participants register on entry. If more than one entry, a designated entry must be assigned to the event or multiple check in Marshals deployed. Use of QR code required. Alternative

method of registration to be available for those unable to use QR code. [COVID Check-in Marshals and COVID Marshals | Coronavirus Victoria](#)

- Indoor arenas open with density quota DQ4.
- Entry to indoor facilities allowed to access equipment.
- Toilets are open – patrons are not required to be fully vaccinated to use but must QR check in.
- Club rooms / indoor facilities are open to fully vaccinated patrons with a density quotient of one person per four square metres.
- Social distancing and hygiene requirements to be followed.
- Ride/train and leave. If patrons wish to socialize after community sport (e.g. BBQ gatherings) then the setting changes to 'social sport' settings and vaccination requirements are required.
- Outdoor seating required for participants at tea/lunch breaks
- Come and try participants permitted
- If the facility is located at a private residence, there must be an entrance for users of the facility which is separate to the entrance for the residents or their visitors.
- Complete Club Checklist (which will become your CovidSafe Plan)
- All events to be registered here <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/register-your-public-event>
- All venues/clubs are required to have an up to date and accessible COVIDSafe plan. [COVIDSafe Plan | Coronavirus Victoria](#)
- Face coverings are required indoors at community sport and physical recreation premises and highly recommended outdoors where you cannot physically distance.

SOCIAL (PHYSICAL RECREATION) SPORT

Sport that is NOT organized by a club or association is defined as Physical Recreation.

The 'Open Premises Directions' apply where social sport (Physical Recreation) is being undertaken at sport facilities including club grounds, indoor arenas and equestrian centres. Vaccination requirements for workers and patrons (participants), venue caps and density limits apply. <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/covid-19/directions-issued-by-victorias-chief-health-officer>

- Anyone entering the open premises and workers at the open premises are required to show proof of being fully vaccinated or an excepted person.
- Indoor arenas open. Fully vaccinated patrons with a density limit of DQ4.
- Outdoors. Fully vaccinated patrons with a density limit of DQ2.

LANDOWNER REQUIREMENTS

Participants involved in activities including rallies, competitions, clinics or other conducted on council owned or privately owned land must follow any further directives as set by the landowner.

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CANTEEN FACILITIES

Food and drink facilities such as canteens can open if everyone present is [fully vaccinated](#). QR check in system required for facility.

- If vaccination status isn't being checked, the food and drink facility can only open for takeaway.
- <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/hospitality-food-and-beverage-services-sector-guidance#food-and-drink-facilities-other-than-food-courts>

PROOF OF VACCINATION

From 6pm on 12 November, you can no longer use a medical certificate as evidence of COVID-19 vaccination exemption.

If you can't get any of the approved COVID-19 vaccines for [medical reasons](#), your doctor needs to update your record on the Australian Immunisation Register to show that you have a medical exemption.

Once your exemption has been processed, you can download your COVID-19 digital certificate.

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/get-your-covid-19-digital-certificate>

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/get-your-covid-19-vaccine-certificate#showing-proof-of-your-vaccination-exemption>

USEFUL LINKS:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/sport-and-exercise>

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-infection-control-training>