



# SANFL & COMMUNITY FOOTBALL **RETURN TO PLAY**

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## COVID PAUSE

Due to the Parafield Cluster, the State Government introduced increased COVID restrictions from 12:00am on Tuesday 17 November. This includes the cancellation of all community sport fixtures and training.

It is anticipated community sport can resume from 1 December 2020.

This document provides high level advice on what activities CAN occur at a club and licenced venue during the pause, as well as reinforces important information regarding compliance with COVIDSafe and COVID Marshal requirements.

## CURRENT RESTRICTIONS

### COVID-19 restrictions update

**From 12.01am 22 November**

*Restrictions expected to further ease on 1 December*

<b>Gyms and indoor fitness</b>	▶ Can resume   1 per 4sqm
<b>Community sport fixtures and training</b>	▶ Temporarily cancelled (expected to resume on 1 December)   Applies to indoor and outdoor sports, contact and non-contact   Outdoor fitness activities still allowed
<b>Funerals</b>	▶ Capped at 50 people   1 per 4sqm
<b>Religious ceremonies</b>	▶ Capped at 100 people   1 per 4sqm
<b>Weddings</b>	▶ Capped at 150 people   Register guest details in advance using an online form
<b>Hospitality (pubs, clubs, restaurants)</b>	▶ Capped at 100 per venue   1 per 4sqm   No standing consumption of food or drink (including outdoor)   Max booking size 10
<b>Gatherings in a private place other than a residential premise</b>	▶ Capped at 50 people   1 per 4sqm   No standing consumption of food or drink
<b>Gatherings at residential premise</b>	▶ Capped at 10 people
<b>Activities with an approved COVID Management Plan</b>	▶ All activities scheduled are cancelled (expected to resume on 1 December)
<b>Personal care activities (nails, tattoo, hairdressers etc)</b>	▶ Masks mandatory for service provider (encouraged for client)
<b>Public entertainment</b>	▶ 1 per 4sqm
<b>Aged care</b>	▶ Masks mandatory where physical distancing cannot be maintained   Personal care workers limited to one site   2 visitors per day

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## **COVID SAFE PLAN**

The State Government has introduced a COVID Safe Plan to assist businesses (including sporting organisations) with compliance with COVID Safe protocols.

All football clubs must have a current and up to date COVID Safe Plan to undertake training, match days and operation of their licenced venues.

The protocols and strategies provided by SANFL for clubs, if followed, will enable clubs to meet all obligations detailed in the plan for provision of a COVID Safe environment for training and match days. SANFL recommends Clubs adopt recommendations from Clubs SA to deliver a COVID Safe environment for their licenced venue.

Failure to complete and have plans available at your premises, or non-compliance with current directions, may result in fines.

Clubs should automatically receive an email including updated COVID Safe Plan reflecting recent density changes at the venue.

**You WILL need to complete a revised COVID-Safe Plan for your club if you:**

- **plan to offer more rooms or spaces to patrons**
- **plan to extend or alter the floorspace of any existing rooms or spaces**

For more information, and to complete your club's plan visit <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/recovery/create-a-covid-safe-plan>

## **COVID MANAGEMENT PLAN | ON PAUSE**

A COVID Management Plan, approved by SA Health, will be required for:

- Any activity of more than 1,000 people
- Venues wishing to offer both dancing and consumption of alcohol as a public activity (private functions up to 150 guests permitted, provided other protocols are met)

Business (including football clubs) can operate with only a COVID Safe Plan provided you do not meet either of these criteria. For example, limit patrons to under 1000.

A COVID Management Plan is a unique and comprehensive plan that must be specific to your venue or activity.

The plan sets out how a high-risk activity will be managed to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 between patrons/attendees and staff.

For more information, and to complete your Management Plan visit <https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/recovery/create-a-covid-management-plan>.

Material to support club's complete their Management Plan is available at [sanfl.com.au/returntoplay](https://sanfl.com.au/returntoplay)



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## COVID MARSHALS

From 21 August 2020, COVID Marshals will be required across various public activities/operations, including sporting clubs, gyms and licenced venues.

### COVID Marshal Criteria

To be a COVID Marshal an individual must:

- Be 18 years of age or more;
- Complete the required training and keep records of the training to provide to an authorised officer on request (State Government to provide training);
- Take reasonable steps to visually identify as a COVID Marshal (ie: high-vis vest, hat etc)

Beyond the mandatory requirements it is recommended that people nominated as COVID Marshals have:

- good customer service, people and communication skills
- a good understanding of the club's COVID-Safe Plan and Return to Play protocols
- the ability to easily switch between and oversee different tasks and (physical) areas

### How many Marshals are required at a football club?

The following should be taken into account when coordinating the number and appointment:

- A COVID Marshal must be on site anytime training and matches are occurring, as well as on any occasion food and beverage is being served at the venue, this would include mid-week meals and match days;
- You can have more than one prescribed COVID Marshal (SANFL recommends at least one marshals is assigned to both the licenced venue and match day/spectator management);
- If less than 200 people in attendance, the role can be assumed by someone undertaking other duties (ie: ground manager, coach/trainer or bar manager etc);
- If more than 200 people are expected to be present at an operation a COVID Marshal who is supervising must have no other duties. (ie: must be a designated match day role or roles);
- At multi-sport venues, we recommend each sport nominates a COVID Marshal OR approach the asset owner to manage

### Compliance

In order to be compliant clubs must undertake the following:

1. Appoint and train COVID Marshals
2. Ensure COVID Marshals are clearly identifiable
3. Ensure records are available if required

#### 1) *Appoint & Train*

The State Government's online COVID Marshal training is now available [HERE](#).

The training covers the following:

- Understanding the role
- Understanding the virus and how it spreads
- Infection control strategies
- Recognising symptoms
- What to do if you, or someone else develops symptoms
- Importance of physical distancing and managing density
- Cleaning tips
- Additional tools and resources.



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Users must demonstrate understanding of the material by undertaking a brief multiple-choice test at the end.

Please note that the content included is similar to the Government issued Infection Control Training, as well as many of the materials provided on the SANFL Return to Play website. This course simply reinforces the learnings and practices already implemented during the Return to Play process.

Clubs can appoint more than one COVID Marshal, and SANFL recommends separate Marshals are appointed for spectator/football management and your sports club/licenced venue. Remember: a dedicated Marshal must be in attendance at events with greater than 200 people present.

## 2) *Visibility of COVID Marshal*

While you are free to choose the solution that best fits your club, the garments or items your COVID Marshals wears must stand out immediately and must be recognisable as indicating a COVID Marshal – not just for you, but also for a patron who has never been to your premises before.

We recommend a high-vis vest with a sticker, badge or lanyard that says COVID MARSHAL.

## 3) *Records*

A copy of your COVIDSafe Plan, as well as any training records of COVID Marshals must be available upon request from a member of SAPOL or SA Health.

We recommend the COVID Marshal carries a copy of the club's COVIDSafe plan, as well as a copy of their certificate of completion.

This can be hard copy or electronic on a phone/tablet etc.

For more information on COVID Marshals, please visit [https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/recovery/covid-marshals?fbclid=IwAR1wSKTsiohjtZMgBcMLpdKKAE2ACAhfWaR3ADah8BsrD\\_0Sng9VoB\\_PLj8](https://www.covid-19.sa.gov.au/recovery/covid-marshals?fbclid=IwAR1wSKTsiohjtZMgBcMLpdKKAE2ACAhfWaR3ADah8BsrD_0Sng9VoB_PLj8)

## KEY PROTOCOLS FOR LICENCED VENUE OPERATION

- Density requirements of 1 person per 4 sqm and maintaining 1.5m apart where possible must be observed where possible, up to a maximum of 100 patrons
- All food and beverage must be consumed while seated. No standing consumption permitted (including outdoor areas)
- COVID Marshal/s must be present at all times of operation
- Other protocols as per COVIDSafe Plan

## KEY PROTOCOLS FOR GYM OPERATION

- Density requirements of 1 person per 4 sqm and maintaining 1.5m apart where possible must be observed where possible
- "Get In/Get Out" should be observed where possible
- Thorough cleaning and sanitisation must occur each day the gym is operation, with spot cleaning between users
- Access to gyms permitted for essential physical conditioning that cannot be achieved at home
- COVID Marshal in attendance for any group training sessions
- Other protocols as per COVIDSafe Plan



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## **GET IN/GET OUT**

Strategies to limit time and person-to-person contact on site – promoting social distancing – should be implemented:

- Arrive dressed and ready to train where possible
- Minimise use of bathrooms and communal areas
- Showering at home instead of at training/match venues
- Maintain at least 1.5m apart
- Any tasks that can be done at home, should be done at home

## **HYGIENE**

The following general hygiene practices apply at all times, in line with Government advice:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- Wash or sanitise your hands before eating (all players and official should have personalised hand sanitiser);
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Cover your mouth to cough or sneeze (using your elbow);
- No sharing of towels/water bottles/food, including lolly or fruit bowls;
- Any areas accessed to be comprehensively cleaned and sanitised after each use;
- Clubs must do all they can to reinforce the above precautions, including making available appropriate hand washing facilities, as well as the provision of alcohol-based hand sanitiser and tissues
- Wear a mask if physical distancing can not occur

### ***Additional hygiene***

- Spitting and clearing of nasal/respiratory secretions on ovals or other sport settings not permitted;
- Avoid high fives, handshakes or other unnecessary physical contact;
- Training and Gym equipment to be wiped with antibacterial wipes or alcohol-based sanitiser prior to and after each use

## **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Everyone should maintain 1.5m physical distancing from others who are not in their household or others they may otherwise regularly spend time with.