

COVID-19 Update – November 15, 2021

To Our Members,

The NSW Government has published the [Public Health \(COVID-19 General\) Amendment Order \(No 8\) 2021](#). The object of this Order is to amend the Public Health (COVID-19 General) Order 2021 to give effect to the roadmap for easing certain restrictions from 8 November 2021.

These amendments only apply to fully vaccinated adults, children under 16 years of age, and people with an approved medical contraindication (exemption) certificate.

Community Sport gatherings (including training and competition activities) is now covered under **Outdoor Gatherings** and there is no maximum number of persons permitted at an outdoor public gathering. Venues are to adhere to the relevant requirements listed below.

For Outdoor gatherings under 1,000 persons:

- a) No COVID-19 Safety Plan is required
- b) The maximum number of persons in the outdoor area cannot exceed more than 1 person per 2 sqm of space

For Outdoor gatherings over 1,000 persons:

- a) The event organiser must have completed and implemented a COVID-19 Safety plan.
- b) The maximum number of persons in the outdoor area cannot exceed more than 1 person per 2 sqm of space

Please note that attendees are still required to scan the QR Code and display their vaccination certificate at each venue.

With the return to training and competition, and with the COVID-19 virus still amongst our communities - Baseball NSW is aware of the distinct possibility that members may contract the virus whilst participating in Community Sport.

In the unfortunate event that an individual is present at a venue whilst positive with the virus, we recommend that the individual and club adhere to the following protocols:

1. Inform the club that they may have been infected whilst present at the venue;
2. The club is to inform the opposition club;
3. The clubs are to advise their association secretary;
4. The association secretary is to inform Baseball NSW (covid@baseballnsw.com.au);

We recommend that an individual (player, coach, official, volunteer, spectator) that attends a Community Sport venue whilst infected with the virus, adhere to the NSW Health's self-isolation and testing requirements.

Once the mandatory self-isolation period has lapsed and the individual has provided the club with proof of their negative COVID test, are they permitted to return to training and/or competition.

The use of face masks is not mandatory in dugouts. However, given the proximity of members, it is recommended that members maintain a safe social distance whilst in the dugout. All unnecessary individuals are recommended to refrain from entering the dugout.

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[Close contact](#) requirements are different based on vaccination status.

A close contact is someone who:

- is likely to have come into contact with a person who has COVID-19 and
- is at risk of developing COVID-19.

Fully vaccinated close contact

2 doses were completed at least 14 days before you last had contact with a COVID-19 case.

1. Self-isolate for 7 days

7 full 24-hour periods from the date you last had contact with the COVID-19 positive person.

For example, if you last had contact with the positive person at 10am Tuesday, you must self-isolate until 10am the following Tuesday.

2. Get tested – immediately, and again on day 6

3. Leave self-isolation after 7 days

You can leave self-isolation after 7 days if your test on day 6 is negative, you feel well and you have had no further contact with a COVID-19 positive person.

4. Limit activity for another week

For the next 7 days, you must work from home where possible and not go to high-risk settings (health care, aged care, disability care, early childhood centres, primary school, and correctional facilities)

5. Get tested again on day 12.

If you live with a COVID-19 positive person and have not been isolating from them, you should only leave self-isolation after 14 days have passed from when the person received their positive result. To end isolation, you need to have a negative day 12 test, feel well and have had no further contact with a COVID-19 positive person

Not fully vaccinated close contact

0 or 1 dose or 2 doses completed less than 14 days since you last had contact with a COVID-19 case.

• Self-isolate for 14 days

14 full 24-hour periods from the date you last had contact with the COVID-19 positive person

• Get tested – immediately, on day 6 and again on day 12

• Leave self-isolation

You can leave self-isolation after 14 days if your test on day 12 is negative, you feel well and you have had no further contact with a COVID-19 positive person

What if I have already had COVID-19?

If you have had COVID-19 in the past six months you will generally not be considered a close contact and you do not need to self-isolate or get a test unless you have symptoms.

***Please note that this is subject to change without notice.**