



COVID-19 RETURN TO CRICKET GUIDELINES

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NEW ZEALAND CRICKET COVID-19 LEVEL 2 RETURN TO PLAY

New Zealand Cricket has developed a COVID-19 guideline to assist with match day organisation. While still in level 2 restrictions, there is a maximum number of 100* people allowed to occupy a space (field, club room or changing rooms) at any one time.

See BEFORE, DURING and AFTER game play tables on following pages.

General Hygiene Practices

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol based hand sanitiser
- Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean
- Stay home and seek medical treatment when you are unwell
- Avoid close contact with other people who are unwell
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sneeze into your elbow rather than your hands

* All gathering sizes and other practices are subject to change in line with government guidelines. For more information visit the government website : <https://covid19.govt.nz/>

BEFORE GAME PLAY

✓	HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS	POTENTIAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTIONS	CLUB PERSON RESPONSIBLE	CONTACT NUMBER
	Who is responsible? Each club should have a designated person who will implement and maintain their COVID-19 plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider a committee member or coach developer • Check in regularly with coaches and/or managers, ensuring plans are running smoothly 		
	Managing Illness Participants need to know they shouldn't be attending venues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate messaging relating to symptoms displayed around the clubroom/ changing rooms • Ensure you have up to date information on all players, coaches and managers, ie. in relevant membership database platforms See www.covid19.govt.nz/covid-19/about-covid-19/covid-19-symptoms		
	Managing other sports: Managing the relationship with other codes who may be using your grounds/ clubrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be flexible around ground usage times • Make contact early and share health and Safety plans • Collaboration is key, in particular with contact tracing responsibility 		
	Managing Equipment: Ensuring all equipment has been thoroughly cleaned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that shared equipment e.g. stumps, balls etc. has been thoroughly cleaned prior to game play 		
	Hand Hygiene: There must be a hand hygiene process implemented before and after training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to soap and water/hand sanitiser before and after training • Individuals should be encouraged to sanitise their hands at every break in drills/play (at least every 40 minutes) 		
	Contact Tracing: Following the contact guidelines for all participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure contact tracing is available at the grounds and create an area which can be used for this purpose. • Appointment of a person in charge of facilitating this (keeping manual tracking data in a secure location alongside the government COVID poster and App) • Nets and training facilities should only be accessed by members 		
	Physical Distancing Physical distancing is an important way we can protect ourselves from COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep a 2 metre distance in public. Take extra care if you interact with people you don't know as it won't be easy to do contact tracing if needed • Keep 1 metre physical distance in 'controlled environments' where contact tracing and other public health measures are possible 		
	Mass Gatherings Ensuring players are keeping to social distancing guidelines. (100 excluding staff)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers are limited to 100* people (excluding staff), however the venue needs to be able to provide safe distances at all times so maximum numbers may be reduced to account for this 		



DURING GAME PLAY

✓	HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS	POTENTIAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTIONS	CLUB PERSON RESPONSIBLE	CONTACT NUMBER
	<p>Player welfare: Participants to follow physical distancing guidelines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players to ensure they prepare for the game in their designated area • Players should bring their own food and drinks, do not share • Players are encouraged to refrain from spitting or rinsing out their mouth on, or around the playing area • Players should ensure, they are following physical distancing guidelines during tactical sessions and breaks of play • The ball should be rolled or thrown on the full back to the bowler after each delivery. It should not be handed over 		
	<p>Hand Sanitisation:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At every break in play, players should sanitise their hands (at least every 40 minutes) 		
	<p>Equipment:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where possible limit sharing of equipment, but if you do, practice strict hand hygiene and clean equipment before and after use 		
	<p>Balls:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not use saliva to polish or clean the ball • Batters should not pick up the ball to return them to the bowler (use the bat) • Coaches or other staff should only handle the balls from their own team • Every 40 minutes (or at a stoppage, i.e. at a drinks break), play is to be stopped so that the ball can be cleaned with an antimicrobial alcohol-based wipe. This process is also to be completed at the fall of each wicket and during scheduled breaks in play. This is to be completed by the bowling team captain under the supervision of the umpire or Team coach 		
	<p>Umpires: Umpires to ensure they are assisting with social distancing regulations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Umpires must not hold items for the bowler (i.e. cap, sunglasses etc.). Instead, items can be left outside the boundary or given to teammates • At every break in play or every 40 minutes, umpires must sanitise their hands and clean the ball using antimicrobial alcohol-based wipe. If a wicket falls within this time, the time re-sets • Umpires are recommended to keep a bottle of hand sanitiser on their person throughout the game • Umpires must be the one to remake the wicket 		



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	Scoring:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is recommended that all scoring is completed by e-scoring via an individual tablet or device. The designated scorer should ideally be the only user of that device and will be responsible for uploading the data, either live or at the conclusion of the match. Should another user be required to score, the device must be sanitised prior to the next user operating the device (or transfer the game between devices on cricHQ) • Should a paper scorebook be required, to minimise additional contact there should ideally be only one-person utilising the book throughout the duration of the match. Should someone else be required to score, that person should supply their own stationary 		
	Celebrations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrations and end of match acknowledgements can happen but without any form of body contact. Physical distancing must always be adhered to 		
	Spectators:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of high traffic and high contact areas to be cleaned regularly • Ensure participants can and are keeping to physical distancing guidelines • Ensure the number of spectators are within the government's current guidelines 		
	Facilities:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toilets, changing rooms (if in use) and other high traffic areas are to be regularly cleaned • If facilities are shared with other users, you must ensure that facilities are appropriately cleaned and not used by different groups at the same time 		



AFTER GAME PLAY

✓	HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS	POTENTIAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTIONS	CLUB PERSON RESPONSIBLE	CONTACT NUMBER
	Equipment cleaning Ensuing that equipment e.g. stumps/balls are cleaned after each game	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeping equipment and any other surfaces used during game play, clean • Disinfect surfaces and door handles on departure 		
	Socialising after a game Ensuring players are keeping to physical distancing guidelines.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure players are keeping their distance from one another (minimum of 1 metre*) • Encourage players not to perform any kind of celebration which involves body contact • Consider a staggered approach to training bubbles when starting and finishing training • Only use clubroom/changing rooms that can be operated within government guidelines 		
	Club communication It is important that your club regularly communicates COVID-19 plans to participants/parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep members informed through regular updates • Conduct sessions for coaches/managers • Stay updated with New Zealand Crickets COVID-19 response guidelines • Keep in close contact with you relevant DA/MA 		
	Records: Keeping up to date records of attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that before anyone leaves the grounds, they have updated their contact tracing app or filled in a manual register (to be kept in a secure place) 		



IMPORTANT LINKS:

Govt Alert Level System:

<https://covid19.govt.nz/assets/resources/tables/COVID-19-alert-levels-detailed.pdf>

Worksafe Covid-19 Safety plan template:

<https://worksafe.govt.nz/managing-health-and-safety/novel-coronavirus-covid/covid-19-safety-plan-what-you-need-to-thinkabout/>

Play, active recreation and sport at Alert Level 2:

<https://sportnz.org.nz/resources/play-active-recreation-and-sport-at-alert-level-2/>

Covid-19 symptoms:

<http://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-healthadvice-general-public#symptoms>

Contact Tracing:

<https://sportnz.org.nz/covid-19/sector-advice/contact-tracing/>

Physical Distancing:

<https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19/how-were-uniting/physical-distancing/>

Cleaning Surfaces:

<https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19/how-were-uniting/cleaning-surfaces/>

Hygiene:

<https://covid19.govt.nz/covid-19/how-were-uniting/wash-your-hands/>

