

School Sport Victoria COVID-19

Advice to Schools Participating in SSV Events

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This advice supports the requirements outlined in the [SSV COVID-19 Safe Plan](#) to support the delivery of interschool sport in Victoria throughout 2021.

This advice is intended to ensure that the staff, students, volunteers and parents fully understand their responsibilities when attending an SSV event.

This advice aligns with advice regarding sport and the use of indoor and outdoor facilities in the Department of Education and Training's School [Operations Guide](#) and the COVID-19 Safe School Principles. Participating schools are encouraged to refer to the Guide in addition to this advice.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES	
Prior to attending an SSV Event	Attending an SSV event
<p><u>PREPARATION OF EXCURSION PAPERWORK</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools to keep a list of staff/parents/carers and students attending an SSV event on the schools' administration software e.g. Compass. • If attending a venue with an onsite manager (eg: basketball stadium), provide the manager of the venue a copy of the excursion form/print out from admin software (as per Schools Operations Guide). • If attending a school venue, follow the advice from the Principal of the host school concerning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Excursion paperwork ○ QR code ○ Entering the school grounds ○ External visitors/spectators • If attending a venue with no onsite manager (eg: local oval), there is no need to bring a copy of the excursion form/print out unless otherwise asked (eg: team list for State finals). • SSV will not need to sight or collect the vaccination status of students aged under 18 years of age. • However, a venue may require all patrons to be vaccinated if exclusive use cannot be negotiated. This will be advised by the relevant SSV Coordinator. • At all venues, staff, volunteers and spectators aged 18 years and over are required to be vaccinated. <p><u>COMMUNICATION TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive ready to play, i.e. already in sports uniform to reduce need for changing rooms. • Students to provide own drink bottles, food, towels and personal equipment. • Schools will communicate the necessary restrictions to parents/carers, including the number of additional spectators. 	<p><u>ARRIVAL AT THE VENUE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adhere to local sports/facility provider requirements e.g. using lanes/walkways to move traffic through venues/entries and exits. • Ensure all have registered using the QR code at the venue or provided by the convener, except team members and adults listed on the schools' excursion form or admin software. • On arrival and departure, wash hands or sanitise using hand sanitiser with at least 60 per cent alcohol. • Attend any pre competition briefings. <p><u>DURING THE COMPETITION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must adhere to the return to play conditions of SSV, and those of the venue. • Reinforce hand hygiene before, during and after activity. • Sharing of food should be avoided, where required provide individual portions. • No sharing of personal items and personal equipment. • Best practice is no shaking hands, high fives or hugs (use alternatives instead salute, bump elbow etc.) during competition. • Schools that bring sports kits e.g. bats, gloves, helmets, positional bibs etc. are responsible for maintaining the hygiene of this equipment throughout the day. • Avoid sharing of sporting equipment between schools (other than what is required on field). • Maintain physical distancing between adults at events, and between students when not participating. • All people attending an SSV event must carry a face mask and comply with the advice of the Chief Health

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COMMUNICATION TO STAFF/SCHOOLS

- Staff are recommended to attend SSV events with their students, to minimise risks to staff and students.
- Where staff are not available, schools will provide permission for only the necessary parents/carers to accompany students for the competition and will take responsibility for the recording of the personal details of these people.
- Schools are to comply with DET travel arrangements for students as per the School [Operations Guide](#).
- Schools to provide own first aid kit including hand sanitiser with at least 60 per cent alcohol.
- Face masks must be carried by all people unless they have a medical exemption.
- Attendees are responsible for providing their own facemask.
- Educate students, staff and parents/carers on hand and cough hygiene, including how to wash and sanitise their hands correctly.
- Any staff, students, parents/carers, officials etc who are unwell must NOT attend the venue.

Officer/Minister for Health on the wearing of face masks, unless they have a medical exemption.

- Any staff, students, parents/carers, officials etc. who are unwell must not attend the venue or attend the event, and should return home if they become unwell with [COVID-19 symptoms](#) (loss or change in sense of smell or taste, fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose).
- The teacher/parent/carer responsible for the student or the student themselves should take immediate action to report concerns to the SSV COVID-19 Officer or the Convener of the event.
- The teacher/parent/carer responsible for the student will then be directed by the SSV COVID-19 Officer to seek medical advice and/or obtain a COVID-19 test. Testing locations can be found here: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19>.

DEPARTING THE VENUE

- On arrival and departure, wash hands or sanitise using hand sanitiser with at least 60 per cent alcohol.
- Ensure your school equipment is cleaned.
- Ensure any seating, benches are used by the team is wiped down.
- Ensure any rubbish is properly disposed of.
- Use the exit designated by the venue.