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# COVIDSafe plan:

Supporting Document

## Beumaris Football Club – JUNIORS

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### Introduction

Sport makes an important contribution to the physical, psychological, and emotional well-being of Australians. The COVID-19 pandemic has had devastating effects on communities globally, leading to significant restrictions on all sectors of society, including sport. Resumption of sport can significantly contribute to the re-establishment of normality in Australian society.

The resumption of sport and recreation activities will be a complex process. A careful stepwise process needs to be implemented to ensure the safety of our players, club staff, officials, and the wider community.

The health and safety of our member is paramount, therefore we continue to closely monitor the situation with respect to COVID-19. It is important that any information we receive comes from a reputable source which is why we are regularly reviewing the World Health Organisation website and guidelines prepared by the Federal and State Governments.

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## Purpose

COVID-19 will be with us for some time, it is therefore important that the Beaumaris Football Club (BFC) has a COVIDSafe plan (herein referred to as 'the plan') - and continues to plan - We must do all we can to protect our players and volunteers from contracting COVID-19 by mitigating any potential impact on being able to play games.

This plan will assist the BFC prepare for the different stages of the pandemic. This plan should be revised frequently, particularly as restrictions and conditions change.

The plan is therefore based on information provided by all Australian Governments, AFL, local leagues and councils.

## Aim

- Eliminate the risk of exposure if reasonably practicable for our players and volunteers
- If elimination is not an option, minimise the risk as far as is reasonably practicable
- Ensure the operation of the BFC shall not put the health and safety of other persons at risk of contracting COVID-19. This includes extended families of our members.

## Key Elements of the Plan

- Health Monitoring
- Record keeping

- Cleaning
- Physical Distancing
- Hygiene
- Education / Training
- Responding to a COVID-19 Infection
- Maps and Plans

## Health Monitoring

[BFC Players and Volunteers \(ie; coaches, team managers and other bibbed officials\)](#)

### Screening

All players (and guardians for those U18) and volunteers will be provided with the BFC COVID Safe Plan via their preferred email address and displayed under the policy section of the clubs website, and be instructed to consider the following questions before deciding to attend training each week. **If they answer YES to any of the following questions they are instructed to not attend training:**

- (a) Do you have a fever or recently had a fever (including night sweats or chills)?**
- (b) Do you have a cough?**
- (c) Do you have shortness of breath?**
- (d) Do you have a sore throat?**
- (e) Have you had close contact with someone who has returned from overseas in the last 14 days?**
- (f) Have you had close contact with someone who works in healthcare, aged or residential care, who has had direct COVID-19 patient contact?**
- (g) Have you been notified by a state or territory public health authority that you are a close contact with someone diagnosed COVID-19?**
- (h) Have you been in close contact with someone with symptoms of COVID-19 that is awaiting a test result?**
- (i) Are you aware of anyone in your home that would respond “yes” to any of the above?**

## Record Keeping

Upon arrival at training which could be either Banksia Reserve, Beaumaris Secondary College, Mentone Girls Secondary College, Donald McDonald Reserve, or other such ground as advised by the Bayside Council for training players, or organised via private arrangement. Volunteers will be required to register their attendance using the team record sheet provided to officials managing the process.

Where the Relevant Authority has requirements in place for registering attendees, the BFC will keep records in the required format.

## Cleaning

It is important to minimise the risks of COVID-19 at BFC training and match venues. As per the [national principles agreed by Australian Governments](#), club members must actively control against the spread of COVID-19 consistent with the latest health advice.

Keeping BFC indoor training facilities clean is likely to be one of the most important elements of managing COVID-19.

Volunteers whilst at the facility will ensure:

- All equipment used in all training sessions will be wiped down and sanitised before and after each session and between each user if possible and practical.
- All equipment used in all matches will be wiped down and sanitised before and after each match

## Physically Distancing

Current Victorian government advice is that everyone must keep at least 1.5 metres from others (outside of their family unit) where possible. As a result, the BFC has implemented the following protocols at their respective training venues to ensure where possible, physical distancing can occur:

#### Training Facility:

- Placing social distancing markers on the floor of indoor spaces where appropriate
- Place physical distancing posters around the site
- Separate entry and exit points to minimise groups gathering
- Minimise the use of change rooms, bathrooms and communal areas
- Adherence to the 1.5m rule and not having more than 1-person 4m<sup>2</sup> in any undivided space

#### Training Sessions:

- Players to prepare as much as possible for training at their homes
- Arrived dressed and ready to train
- Hands to be washed prior to leaving home.
- Ensuring team meetings, occur remotely, outside, or in socially distanced spaces.
- The use of outdoor training activities will be prioritised over any indoor meetings, to minimise risk

#### Match Day:

- Players to prepare as much as possible for matches at their homes
- Arrived dressed and ready to play
- Hands to be washed prior to leaving home.

## Hygiene

BFC volunteers will be responsible for maintaining strict hygiene measures and awareness at all training venues. A major focus will be on insisting on hand washing prior to attendance and hand sanitizing of all persons at the venue:

#### BFC responsibility:

- Record training and match day player and official attendance.
- Provide Hand Sanitizer at training sessions and matches.
- Place hygiene posters around areas used by the BFC, where allowed and provided by the AFL, local leagues or the council.
- No sharing of towels or food
- Club Drink Bottles will not be used.

#### Individual responsibility:

- Players and volunteers to bring their own mask if an indoor session is to be conducted (if mandated by the Victorian government at the time)
- Players and Volunteers to abide by the mask wearing rules as directed by the Victorian Government.
- Bring a named drink bottle for personal use only.
- Wash/sanitise hands when after touching potentially contaminated surfaces as soon as is practicable.

## Education and Training

All BFC volunteers (ie; coaches, team managers and other bibbed officials) will complete the Australian Government Department of Health COVID-19 Infection Control Training before being allowed to fulfil their club role. A certificate of completion MUST be provided to the President.

Further all coaches and other volunteers will be provided a COVID Safe training kit to make implementation of the COVID Safe Plan simple and effective.

## Responding to a COVID-19 infection:

### **Confirmed Case:**

If a BFC player or volunteer is a confirmed case:

It is noted that any direction from a local health authority will prevail in the event of any inconsistency with the below:

1. Incident reported by the Club President to the relevant Government Authority, Local Council and local league;
2. The impacted training facility is temporarily closed, and training ceased whilst relevant information regarding the nature and extent of the risk is collected by the Government authorities for review and analysis, including but not limited to:
  - The number of confirmed cases, both within and external to the training environment;
  - Any potential close contacts within the training environment (including reporting to the local health authority, where relevant); and
3. The BFC will await for Government authorities to determine if and when the training facility can re-open and training can recommence, and whether any additional risk mitigation measures and/or modification of the protocols need to be employed for resumption of operations.

## Maps and Images

Copies of training venues and the attendance sheet will be provided to all relevant officials, and form an attachment to this document.

## Conclusion

The Federal and State Governments have outlined a staged framework for a COVID Safe Australia that involves the easing of restrictions over time. All steps are subject to expert health advice and this may dictate the modification or complete removal of some restrictions over time to the aforementioned protocols in this plan.

This plan will be updated as and when required by the Committee of Management, based on the latest advice provided by all relevant and necessary governing authorities.