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# CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS EVENTS NETWORK

## COVID - 19 GUIDELINES

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### INTRODUCTION

CSEN has developed the following guidelines to ensure that our school sports events are a COVID safe environment for all our students, teachers, coaches, managers, officials, and spectators. These guidelines are based on the best available evidence and advice to optimise participant and community safety and will be used in conjunction with the directives and guidelines of the Federal and State Government. We have also sought advice from the Independent Schools Victoria and School Sport Victoria.

### KEY PRINCIPLES

Our guiding principles behind these guidelines are to:

- Keep our Community safe.
- Align with the policies and directions of our State and Federal Government, and
- Maintain a level of consistency throughout our Schools and Community.

The priority must always be the preservation of public health and minimisation of the risk of community transmission. All CSEN participants (this includes players, parents/guardians, coaches, officials, volunteers, spectators, and administrators) must play a role in helping to slow the spread of COVID-19. The guidelines outlined within this document may be modified as we, as a Community return to the 'new' normal, but there may also be some more specific guidelines relevant to specific sports or venues dependent upon respective COVID Safe Plans.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

All CSEN member schools have responsibilities regarding covid.

#### Major Events

CSEN will:

- Provide QR codes for adults to check in
- Provide sanitising stations
- Provide a covid safe officer at each venue

Schools will:

- Ensure all staff, students and adults abide by the CSEN covid guidelines
- Have a covid officer clearly identifiable with students from the school for the duration of the event.
- Record and maintain an attendance register of all students that will be provided to CSEN upon request.

Public will:

- Not attend CSEN events in 2021.



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### Sports and Cultural Events (excluding term sport)

CSEN will:

- Provide sanitising stations
- Provide a covid safe officer at each venue

Schools will:

- Ensure all staff, students and adults abide by the CSEN covid guidelines
- Record and maintain an attendance register of all staff and students that will be provided to CSEN upon request.

Public will:

- Not attend CSEN events in 2021.

### Term Sport

Schools will:

- Provide sanitising stations
- Provide a covid safe officer at each venue
- Undertake a covid risk assessment prior to all matches and provide this to the opposition team official.
- Ensure all staff, students and adults abide by the opposition school covid guidelines
- Record and maintain an attendance register of all staff and students that will be provided to CSEN upon request.

Public will:

- Not attend CSEN events in 2021.

### **RETURN TO SPORT ARRANGEMENTS**

When sport can resume, schools and staff must always follow the current health advice from both [National](#) and [State](#) Governments, along with the current Department of Education and Training (DET) Guidelines available from schools.

At this time, no spectators will be permitted at any CSEN event.



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### RECOVERY

While the intention is to run a full program of CSEN events, depending on the current situation, this may not be possible and events may need to be modified, provided in an online format, postponed, or cancelled at short notice.

### GUIDELINES FOR ALL CSEN EVENTS

- Ensure a Risk Assessment has been completed prior to any event, considering both the CSEN covid Risk Assessment and the information contained in these guidelines.
- A COVID Safety Officer will be present at all CSEN events.....this person must have completed the COVID-19 Training provided by the Department of Education and Training - [School and Early Childhood Infection Prevention and Control During Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - FUSE - Department of Education & Training](#)
- An attendance register for all events will be recorded and filed for 28 days. CSEN Major Carnivals will be via a QR code for all adults. All other events will be via the facility protocols. Schools are to record, maintain and keep a register for staff and students attending each CSEN event that will be provided to CSEN upon request.
- Limit attendees at events to ensure social distancing guidelines of 1.5m are adhered to.
- Recommend that spectators and officials wear a face mask when unable to physically distance, particularly at indoor events to keep everyone safe
- Recommend that all participants and officials have their own clearly labelled water bottle and towel
- Provide hand sanitizer on entry and exit to all venues, as well as pre, during and post events for participants and officials
- Ensure that there are Hygiene Stations in designated areas – i.e team benches, score-benches, First Aid etc
- Ensure all equipment is cleaned, disinfected before, during and after competitions, as appropriate
- Strongly encourage all participants to shower prior to and after competitions (at home)
- Limit unnecessary social gatherings – allow additional time in between matches/events to minimize large congregations where possible
- At events where merchandise will be sold only cashless transactions will take place
- Participants / officials and spectators DO NOT ATTEND IF THEY ARE FEELING UNWELL (includes any signs/symptoms of cold, flu, or any other illnesses)
- Actively promote the downloading of the COVID-safe app for their smartphone
- Actively promote the downloading of the Services Victoria app for their smartphone to check in at CSEN Major Events.



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### ACTIVITY SPECIFIC INFORMATION

As per attached

### PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION FOR SCHOOLS

#### SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR ATHLETES / COACHES & OFFICIALS

- Arrive at the venue dressed and ready to compete
- Officiate social distancing guidelines of 1.5m
- Athletes, coaches, and officials must not spit – any need to spit must be done into a tissue or bin for easy disposal
- Physical greetings and celebrations should be discouraged – i.e., hugging, kissing, handshakes, high fives etc.
- Maintain high levels of hygiene if wearing a mouthguard – limit touching and sanitize regularly
- Wherever possible bring your own equipment – i.e., Cricket (Bat, Pads, Gloves, Helmet);
- Any uniforms/bibs to be laundered need to be placed into a laundry bag by the individual – these items need to be washed after each use
- There is to be no sharing of whistles – each official must have their own whistle
- Participants and officials should depart the venue as soon as possible following the completion of their trial or competition event

#### SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR SPECTATORS

- All spectators will be required to sign-on to an Attendance Register on arrival at any event
- All spectators will be required to adhere to the social distancing guidelines of 1.5m where possible – people from same household are not required to distance
- It is strongly recommended that spectators wear a face mask when unable to physically distance, particularly at indoor events to keep everyone safe
- Spectators will not be permitted to enter designated change-rooms allocated to the athletes / competing teams
- Currently no spectators are permitted at any CSEN events.

#### GUIDELINES FOR FACILITIES

Given that all CSEN events are conducted at external venues / school not managed by CSEN we will be expected to operate within their respective guidelines and jurisdictions. CSEN will ensure all venues and facilities utilised by CSEN for Major Carnivals, Sport and Cultural events (not Term Sport):

- Have adopted a COVID-19 Safety Plan
- Specific guidelines about facilities and venues will be covered off within the respective event Information located on the CSEN website - i.e., control measures, maximum crowd capacity etc



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- A COVID-19 Safety Official is present at all events to assist with school registration, social distancing, and hygiene. For all non-Major Carnivals, this will be the convener of the event. For term sport, this will be the school staff member from the home team.
- Routing for entry and exit points to be clearly sign-posted for all indoor venues
- Physical social distancing indicators to be displayed at all indoor and outdoor venues
- The use of visual aids throughout facilities to encourage good hygiene practices and to assist in 'stopping the spread'
- Toilets, change-rooms, team areas and equipment has been thoroughly cleaned prior to the commencement of any events and that these standards are maintained throughout the event...bathrooms to be fully equipped with soap and paper towel
- Hand sanitizer is available on arrival and departure and that there are multiple sanitizing stations located in and around the facility

### OTHER INFORMATION

- Monitor news updates regarding local events and gatherings.
- Follow current advice given by your national and local public health authority and your employer on how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19

Covid Training and Awareness Opportunities	<a href="https://www.openlearning.com/courses/covid-safe-sport-coach-certification/?cl=1">https://www.openlearning.com/courses/covid-safe-sport-coach-certification/?cl=1</a>
	<a href="https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-infection-control-training">https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-infection-control-training</a>
	<a href="https://www.playbytherules.net.au/online-courses/mini-courses/covid-19-awareness-mini-course">https://www.playbytherules.net.au/online-courses/mini-courses/covid-19-awareness-mini-course</a>
Posters that could be printed and displayed	<a href="#">Reduce your risk of coronavirus Poster.pdf</a> <a href="#">Department of Health and Human Services Victoria   Promotional material</a> <a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Print ads – Simple steps to stop the spread</a> <a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Keep that cough under cover</a> <a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Keeping your distance</a> <a href="#">Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Identifying the symptoms</a>

### KEY MESSAGES FOR COVID-19

- You can help protect yourself, your family, your workplace, and your community
- Practice regular hand hygiene
- Practice social distancing
- Practice respiratory etiquette
- Seek medical advice, remember to call first, and inform your workplace if you have symptoms
- For further information go to:
  - Your local public health unit:
  - <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/coronavirus>