



New Zealand Cricket COVID-19 Level 2 Return to Play Guidelines

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 50 people allowed to occupy an indoor space (club room, indoor facility or changing rooms) and 100 people in an outdoor space at any one time*.

Before game play:

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	Who is responsible? Each club will need to have a designated person who will develop, implement and maintain their H&S guide	<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 training if they are feeling unwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ensure this is clearly communicated to teams/managers/parents See 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		
	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 (both QR codes and manual registers) is available at the ground/facility and create an area which can be used for this purpose. Encourage everyone present at game day (players, coaches, managers, parents, match officials) to check in through the government app or manual register		

During game play:

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	<p>Player welfare: Participants to follow social 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 should be encouraged to refrain from spitting or rinsing out their mouth on, or around the playing area - Players ensuring, they are socially distanced 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, practise strict hand hygiene and clean equipment before and after use - Players are not to put saliva or sweat from their face on the ball to shine it 		
	<p>Balls:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not use saliva or sweat 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 not handle the balls 		
	<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.) - At every break in play or every 40mins, umpires must sanitise their hands. - 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 		
	<p>Scoring:</p>	<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 - 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 pen. If another pen isn't available, the original pen must be sanitised prior to the next scorer using it - The two scorers should ensure they are 2m apart.* 		

	Celebrations:	- Celebrations and end of match acknowledgements may happen but with no form of body contact. Social distancing must always be adhered to		
	Spectators:	- Areas of high traffic and high contact areas to be cleaned regularly - Ensure participants can and are keeping to social distancing guidelines - Ensure the number of spectators are within the government's current guidelines		
	Facilities:	- Toilets, changing rooms (if in use) and other high traffic areas are to be regularly cleaned - If facilities are shared with other users or clubs, responsible individuals must ensure that facilities are appropriately cleaned and not used by different groups at the same time		

After game play:

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	Equipment cleaning Ensuing that equipment e.g. stumps/balls are cleaned after each game	- Equipment and any other surfaces used during game play should be cleaned; disinfect surfaces and door handles on departure		
	Socialising after a game Ensuring players are keeping to social distancing guidelines.	- Encourage participants to depart immediately after a game - 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 changing rooms/clubrooms that can be operated within government guidelines		
	Club communication It is important that clubs regularly communicate H&S plans to any participants/parents	- Keep members informed through regular updates - Conduct sessions for coaches/managers - Keep updated with NZC COVID-19 response guidelines - Keep in close contact with you relevant DA/MA		
	Records: Keeping up to date records of attendees	- Ensuring 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)		

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/>

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