

WELCOME

EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA COVIDSafe BRIEFING 30 NOVEMBER 2021

Information in this presentation is correct as at :
30 November 2021.

Note there has been an update following clarification received from the government regarding MARKETS since the Zoom meeting. Updated information has been included in the copy of this presentation.

Update
Phase D

COVIDSafe
Principles

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status

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Your
experiences

Current Settings Phase D

COMMUNITY SPORT

can operate at full capacity and the vaccination requirement doesn't apply to the sport activity (it does apply to settings such as hospitality).

PHYSICAL RECREATION

and sporting facilities can operate at full capacity for fully vaccinated patrons.

WHAT IS COMMUNITY SPORT? (structured)

Community sport refers to competitions and training for the purpose of competition overseen by a state sporting association or equivalent governing body, such as country football and netball competitions overseen by AFL Victoria and Netball Victoria.

WHAT IS PHYSICAL RECREATION? (social)

Physical recreation is any other activity that is **not associated** with competition or training for competitions overseen by a state sporting association or equivalent governing body, including non-competitive casual sport and social play, community events (such as ParkRun), self-defence classes, and fitness and gym classes.

“Almost all restrictions have eased for fully vaccinated Victorians, but COVID-19 risks remain.

There are things we can all do to make ourselves and others safer.”



Your COVID Checklist

What to do if you test positive to COVID-19 or if you've been told you are a contact.



Checklist for COVID cases

Your checklist if you tested positive for COVID.



Checklist for COVID contacts

Checklist for contacts of COVID cases.

Get Tested. Stay home if unwell.

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Physical distancing

You can reduce risks by maintaining 1.5 metre distance from others where possible

- consider entry and exit points
- consider how to reduce congestion points
- consider site planning
- consider how to manage queuing
- consider how to encourage distancing

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Masks

Wearing a mask is recommended if you can't physically distance, have any symptoms, or if you are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

Masks are required indoors at retail, health, care and justice facilities, at primary schools, and on public transport/taxis/rideshare.

- consider event offices
- consider your retail zone
- consider judges boxes

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Hygiene and sanitisation

You can reduce risks by using hand sanitiser and practising good hygiene.

- consider your cleaning schedule
- consider placement and availability of hand sanitizer
- consider how to reduce high traffic touch points
- consider reduction of shared equipment

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Record keeping

Anyone who enters your site must check in via the official QR code.

COVID Check In Marshals are required to monitor this.

- consider your entry points
- consider who can be your COVID Check In Marshals
- consider your communications

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Enclosed spaces

Reduce the use of enclosed spaces as much as possible.

Ventilation and air filtration helps. Consider opening windows to let the fresh air blow through or catching up with friends outside.

- consider what can be held outside
- consider reducing amount of people in enclosed spaces
- ensure good ventilation in required small spaces
(eg windows open in judges car)

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Workforce Bubbles & Getting Tested

If you have COVID-19 symptoms or if you have been advised to get tested by a contact, workplace or school, get a COVID-19 test and isolate until you get a negative result.

If you have COVID-19, or you are a household contact, you need to quarantine. If your symptoms get rapidly worse, please seek help. Visit the hospital if it's an emergency.

- consider creating work bubbles, particularly at larger events

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Vaccination Requirements

THE VACCINATED ECONOMY

Vaccination requirements apply to everyone aged over 12 years and two months, unless you have a valid medical exemption from an authorised medical practitioner.

There are different settings that apply for different situations.



Physical Recreation

Vaccination is required for all activities

Community Sport

Sport participants – not required
Spectators – not required (if watching)
Spectators – required (if socialising)
Volunteers & Officials – not required

Use of toilets and change rooms permitted but any other **indoor areas, such as canteen/food and drink** require **full vaccination**.

All effort should be made to ensure people maintain physical distancing. Steps the community sport could take include keeping every second seat vacant.

In situations where the officials are not able to maintain physical distancing (eg judges' boxes), they must adhere to remaining COVIDSafe principles.

Please visit [Six Principles of COVIDSafe workplaces](#) for more information.





Community Sport - markets (updated advice)

The government has confirmed that markets are essential retail, and therefore you do not need to check the vaccination status of patrons. If the market is held outdoors, masks are also not required.

Market operators must ensure that:

- COVIDSafe work arrangements are in place
- all market workers (including stallholders) operating on-site must be fully vaccinated or have a [valid medical exemption](#) of sale/service.



Community Sport - markets (updated)

Market operators must ensure that:

- other open premises at the market comply with the requirements for that premises. For example, a food and drink premises at the market must comply with the [requirements for food and drink premises](#)
- the free [Victorian Government QR Code Service](#) is used. QR code signage should be prominently displayed at each entrance and all points of sale
- there is no requirement to have a COVID Check-in Marshal.



Community Sport - markets (updated)

The mandatory QR codes should be placed at each entry to the market and be clearly visible.

Stall holders are also required to use their own QR code at the point of service, as per the government requirements.

Consider:

- retail zones
- communication with your riders, spectators etc



Community Sport – Food & Hospitality

Vaccination required.

You can attend these venues if fully vaccinated:

- food and drink venues (e.g. restaurants and pubs)*
- nightlife venues (e.g. bars and nightclubs)
- entertainment venues (e.g. cinemas, zoos)

* Vaccination requirements don't apply to food and drink venues operating for **takeaway** only.

Consider:

- hospitality zones (sponsors, officials etc)
- activities outside of the sport
- checking of vaccination status
- communication with your riders, spectators etc



Community Sport – Camping

There are no limits on travel or accommodation in Victoria.

It is strongly recommended that people staying in accommodation venues in Victoria (e.g. hotels, Airbnb) are fully vaccinated.

Vaccination requirements still apply to relevant settings within an accommodation complex, such as a restaurant or a gym.

Consider:

- use of facilities
- spacing of camp sites



International Vaccines

More people returning to Australia who have been vaccinated overseas.

To verify COVID -19 vaccination status you must cite their International Vaccine Certificate

Travellers vaccinated in other countries will be able to present certificates in formats that meet a set criteria.

<https://hub.vtic.com.au/topic/vaccination-checking-for-international-guests/>

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PROOF OF COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS

Customers aged 16 or over must show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or a signed medical exemption as a condition of entry to most businesses. **Here is what is accepted:**

COVID-19 digital certificate via the Service Victoria app



COVID-19 digital certificate saved to smartphone



Printed copy of COVID-19 digital certificate together with photo ID

Australian Government
COVID-19 digital certificate ✓

This individual has received all required COVID-19 vaccinations.

Name: **JOHN CITIZEN** Date of birth: **01 Jan 1970**
Individual Healthcare Identifier (IHI): **1234 5678 91011 1213** Document number: **1234 5678 9100**
Issued from: **01 Jan 1970**
Vaccinations: **Pfizer Comirnaty** Dates received: **02 Aug 2021, 23 Aug 2021**

Disclaimer:
This certificate shows your COVID-19 vaccination details as reported to the Australian Immunisation Register by your vaccination provider. It is a private document and may contain all required COVID-19 vaccination details. The valid from date indicates the date from which you received all required COVID-19 vaccinations.
Every effort is made to ensure that the information contained in the Australian Immunisation Register is correct. The data is based on information provided by vaccination providers and the accuracy of data is dependent on the quality and timeliness of information provided.
If any of the vaccination details shown on the certificate are not correct, please ask your vaccination provider to provide the correct details. They can call us on 1800 653 809 (call charges may apply).
If you have any questions about this certificate please call the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809 (call charges may apply).

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**DRIVER LICENCE
VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA** LICENCE NO: **912345678**
SAU **SAMPLE**
15 **SAMPLE STREET**
SAMPLETON VIC 3000
LICENCE EXPIRES: **28-05-2022** DATE OF BIRTH: **27-09-1994**
LICENCE TYPE: **CA-7** CONDUCT CLASS: **00**

Printed copy of Immunisation history statement together with photo ID

Australian Government **medicare**
Immunisation history statement

To: **10 October 2021**
For: **JOHN CITIZEN**
Date of birth: **01 Jan 1970**
Immunisation Healthcare Identifier (IHI): **1234 5678 91011 1213**

COVID-19 immunisation status ✓
This individual has received all required COVID-19 vaccinations.

Date given	Vaccination	Source name given
10 Dec 2020	Influenza	Manor
01 May 2019	Influenza	Urology Clinic
24 Aug 2019	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis	Boomer
02 Aug 2021	COVID-19	Myer Pharmacy
23 Aug 2021	COVID-19	Myer Pharmacy

Next 100 immunisations due **Next due**
No immunisation due

Notes

Disclaimer:
The Australian Immunisation Register is a national register that records vaccinations given to people of all ages in Australia. Vaccinations given before 1 January 1999 are not displayed on the statement.
NIP immunisations refer to immunisations recorded under the National Immunisation Program scheme only, not including COVID-19 vaccinations. A separate COVID-19 Immunisation Status will appear on the statement when you have received all required COVID-19 vaccinations.
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Medical exemption together with photo ID

Sangleston Medical Centre

To: **1 Sample Rd**
For: **Sangleston**
Date of birth: **VC 000**

Provider no: **000 755**

This is to certify that Mr John Citizen has the following contraindication to all of the COVID-19 vaccines available in Australia including:

- Anaphylaxis to a previous dose or to an ingredient
- History of capillary leak syndrome, thrombosis with thrombocytopenia after a previous dose
- Myocarditis or aortic pericarditis attributed to a previous dose

Signature of Dr John Sangleston
Medical Practitioner details:
Dr John Sangleston GP
Sangleston Medical Centre
1 Sample Rd
Sangleston VIC 3000
Registration number: **MSD 000 000 000**

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Medical Exemptions

- From 6pm, Friday 29 October, only the Australian Immunisation Register medical exemption form is to be used to provide patients proof of a medical exemption to any vaccination requirements in Victoria.
- If there are people with an exemption letter that isn't the Australian Immunisation Register form – such as just a standard doctor's certificate – they were required to return to their medical practitioner to submit the form by 12 November. They could continue to use a doctor's certificate up to that date. Note that this date has now passed.
- Those who don't meet the specific medical contraindications to COVID-19 vaccination according to ATAGI guidance will not have a valid exemption after 12 November.

COVID Check In Marshals

COVID Check-in Marshals

- Required at all entrances to the venue
- Must ensure each person is checking in with the QR code
- If there is a vaccination requirement, must check vaccination status
- The 'group' in control of the environment, is responsible for checking check in and vax status
- COVIDSafe Officer required but should be part of your team, not an additional burden
- COVIDSafe Marshals only required in high risk settings



COVIDSafe Plans

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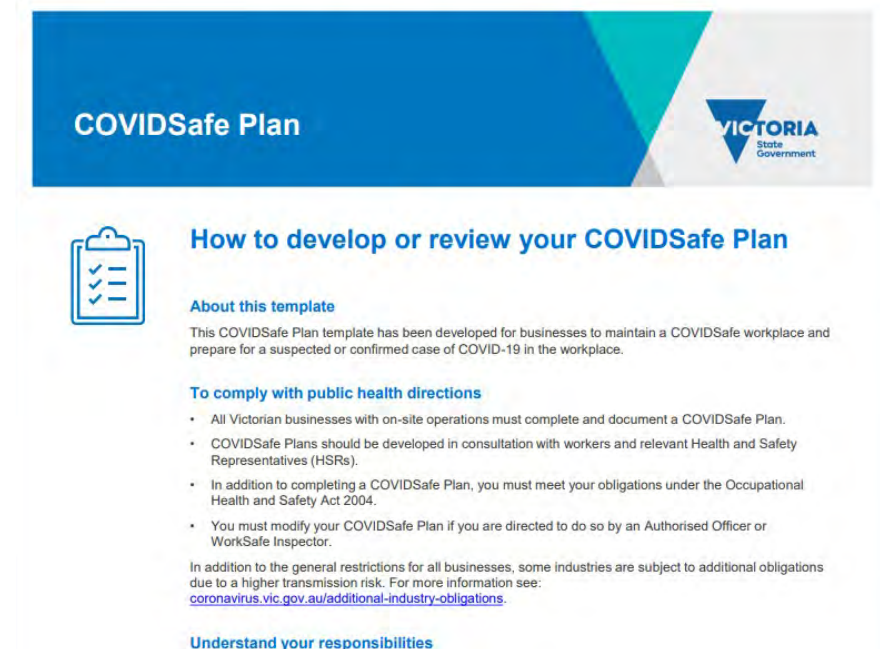
Your plan must set out:

- The actions you will take to prevent the introduction of coronavirus (COVID-19) to your club, venue or event.
- The type of face mask or personal protective equipment (PPE) your workforce needs.
- How you will prepare for and respond to a suspected or confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in your club, venue or event.
- How you will meet all the requirements set out by the Victorian Government.

You need to:

- Ensure your plan is implemented
- Submit to EV for their records

<https://www.vic.equestrian.org.au/covidsafe-plans>



The screenshot shows the 'COVIDSafe Plan' template document. At the top, there is a blue header with the text 'COVIDSafe Plan' and the Victorian Government logo. Below the header, there is a section titled 'How to develop or review your COVIDSafe Plan' with a clipboard icon. Under this section, there are two sub-sections: 'About this template' and 'To comply with public health directions'. The 'About this template' section states that the template has been developed for businesses to maintain a COVIDSafe workplace and prepare for a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in the workplace. The 'To comply with public health directions' section lists four bullet points: 1. All Victorian businesses with on-site operations must complete and document a COVIDSafe Plan. 2. COVIDSafe Plans should be developed in consultation with workers and relevant Health and Safety Representatives (HSRs). 3. In addition to completing a COVIDSafe Plan, you must meet your obligations under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004. 4. You must modify your COVIDSafe Plan if you are directed to do so by an Authorised Officer or WorkSafe Inspector. Below these sections, there is a note stating that in addition to the general restrictions for all businesses, some industries are subject to additional obligations due to a higher transmission risk. For more information, a link is provided: [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/additional-industry-obligations](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/additional-industry-obligations). At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a section titled 'Understand your responsibilities'.

- Only require 1 per club and/or event
- Are required to:
 - document your plan
 - have on hand
 - make accessible to all staff/volunteers
 - present to government officers if required
- Ensure it is flexible and continually updated

To ensure compliance, random spot checks are occurring throughout Victoria.

Your COVIDSafe plan should be reviewed and updated regularly.



COVIDSafe Plan

VICTORIA
State Government

 **How to develop or review your COVIDSafe Plan**

About this template

This COVIDSafe Plan template has been developed for businesses to maintain a COVIDSafe workplace and prepare for a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in the workplace.

To comply with public health directions

- All Victorian businesses with on-site operations must complete and document a COVIDSafe Plan.
- COVIDSafe Plans should be developed in consultation with workers and relevant Health and Safety Representatives (HSRs).
- In addition to completing a COVIDSafe Plan, you must meet your obligations under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004.
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In addition to the general restrictions for all businesses, some industries are subject to additional obligations due to a higher transmission risk. For more information see: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/additional-industry-obligations.

Understand your responsibilities

Resources

THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT HAS PROVIDED A WIDE RANGE OF RESOURCES FOR YOU TO USE. THESE INCLUDE POSTERS, TEMPLATES AND OTHER GUIDES.

THESE RESOURCES CAN BE FOUND ON THE EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA WEBSITE.

<https://www.vic.equestrian.org.au/covid-19-useful-resources>

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Proof of vaccination status required



1.

Make sure you've added your COVID-19 digital certificate to the Service Vic app or have an alternative proof of vaccination status



2.

Scan the Service Victoria QR code or show your alternative proof of vaccination status



3.

Show staff the two green ticks — you're good to go!



4.

Wait for a staff member to confirm it's OK to enter

Thank you for doing your part to keep us safe

For more information go to
[CORONAVIRUS.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au)

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Acceptable proof of your COVID-19 vaccination status



COVID-19 Digital Certificate
via the Service Victoria app



COVID-19 Digital Certificate
saved to smart phone



Printed copy of COVID-19
Digital Certificate
together with photo ID



Printed copy of Immunisation
History Statement
together with photo ID



Medical Exemption
together with photo ID



Vaccine Appointment Card



Negative COVID-19 test results

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Please be **patient** and respect our **staff and volunteers**



We appreciate your support
and patience

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HOW TO DEAL WITH DIFFICULT PATRONS AND PARTICIPANTS

Some people feel strongly about COVID-19 rules. If patrons and participants are aggressive or intimidating, your safety and the safety of your workers is the top priority. Don't put yourself in harm's way.

DO

- Stay calm and speak in a clear voice
- Listen to the patrons and participants and be patient
- Nominate someone (such as the manager on site) to handle complaints

Then the nominated person can:

- Remind the patrons and participants that the rules have been put in place so you can safely reopen, and you must follow them or risk being shut down
- Explain that they must comply or leave the premises
- Ask for help — call in staff and volunteers to assist
- Alert security or contact Victoria Police if the situation escalates
- Retreat to a safe location if you feel threatened

DON'T

- Argue — try to contain and limit any hostility
- Raise your voice — even if the patrons and participants is yelling at you, don't yell back
- Put your safety at risk — go to a safe place if you need to



TIPS FOR TALKING TO PATRONS AND PARTICIPANTS

Tips on what to say to patrons and participants

Proof of vaccination status

THE RULE


All visitors to the premises, including patrons and participants must provide proof of vaccination status before entry.

Encourage patrons and participants by saying:

- Make sure you have the Express Plus Medicare app - you can download it from the App store or Google Play store. Update your Service Victoria app at the App store or Google Play store. Open the Express Plus Medicare app. Tap 'Immunisation history'. Click on your name. Tap 'Share certificate'. You'll see a list of apps that you can share your certificate to. Tap 'share' next to Service Victoria. Read the conditions and then tap 'Accept and share'. Tap 'Add certificate'. Your COVID-19 digital certificate is now stored in your Service Victoria app and linked to the QR code check-in function.
- If you're having trouble getting the app, you can access support for the Express Plus app, Medicare online or myGov by calling 132 307 Mon - Fri 7am - 10pm, Sat & Sun 10am - 5pm. For help with accessing your COVID-19 Digital Certificate Immunisation History Statement Phone 1800 653 809 Mon-Fri between 8am and 5pm.
- Please check-in using the Service Victoria QR Code and a staff and volunteers will check to confirm your vaccination status before entry — it only takes a few moments.
- You can upload your COVID-19 Digital Certificate to the Service Victoria app by following the instructions on this flyer.
- If you do not have a smart phone, the Australian Immunisation Register can issue you with a printed copy of your certificate. You can also download and print a copy of your COVID-19 vaccination certificate from myGov.
- We know this is new and we haven't done this before, but we're counting on you to support us so we can get back to normal.



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The number of people allowed is limited

COVIDSafe Settings are in place

For more information go to [CORONAVIRUS.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au)

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Face masks can be removed to confirm identity

You may be asked by staff to remove your face mask to confirm your identity



Police, banks, post offices and other services such as retail, can ask you to remove your face mask to confirm your identity

Thank you for doing your part to keep us safe

For more information go to [CORONAVIRUS.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au)

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Please keep 1.5m apart while you wait

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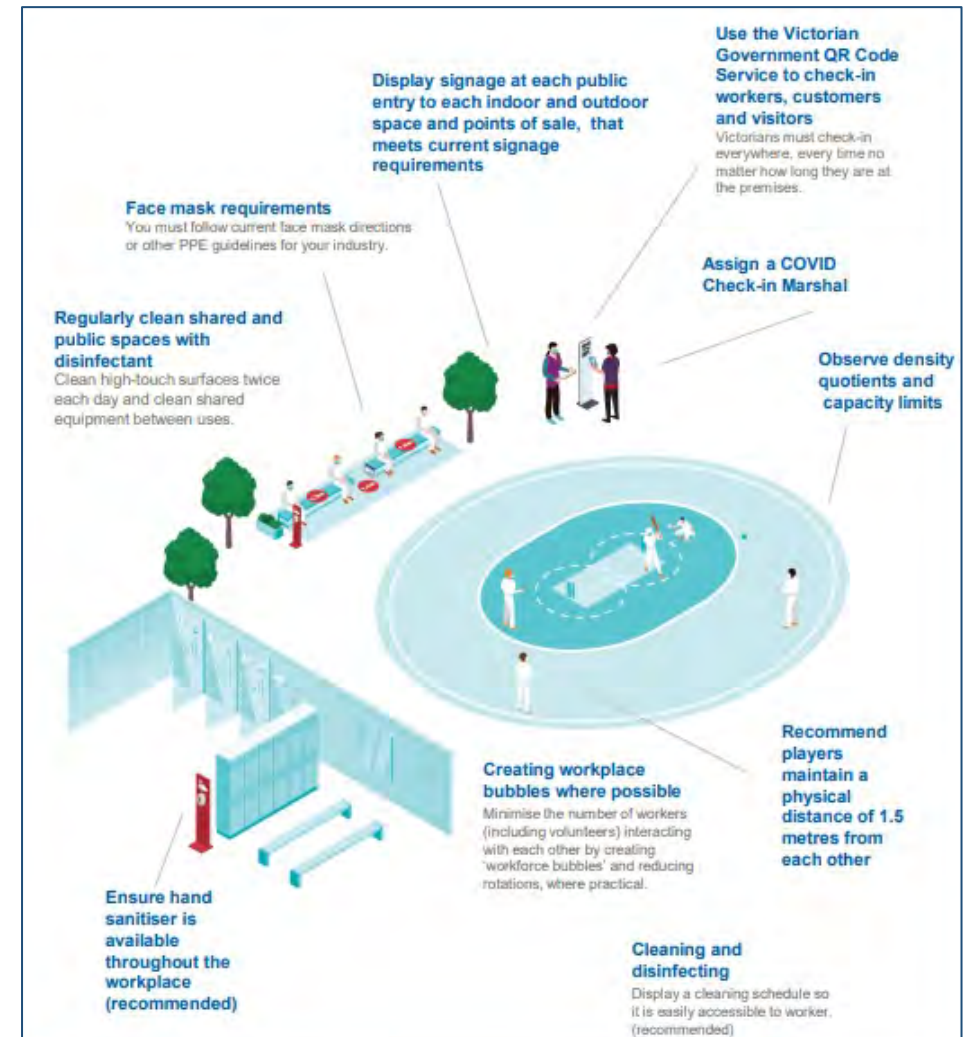
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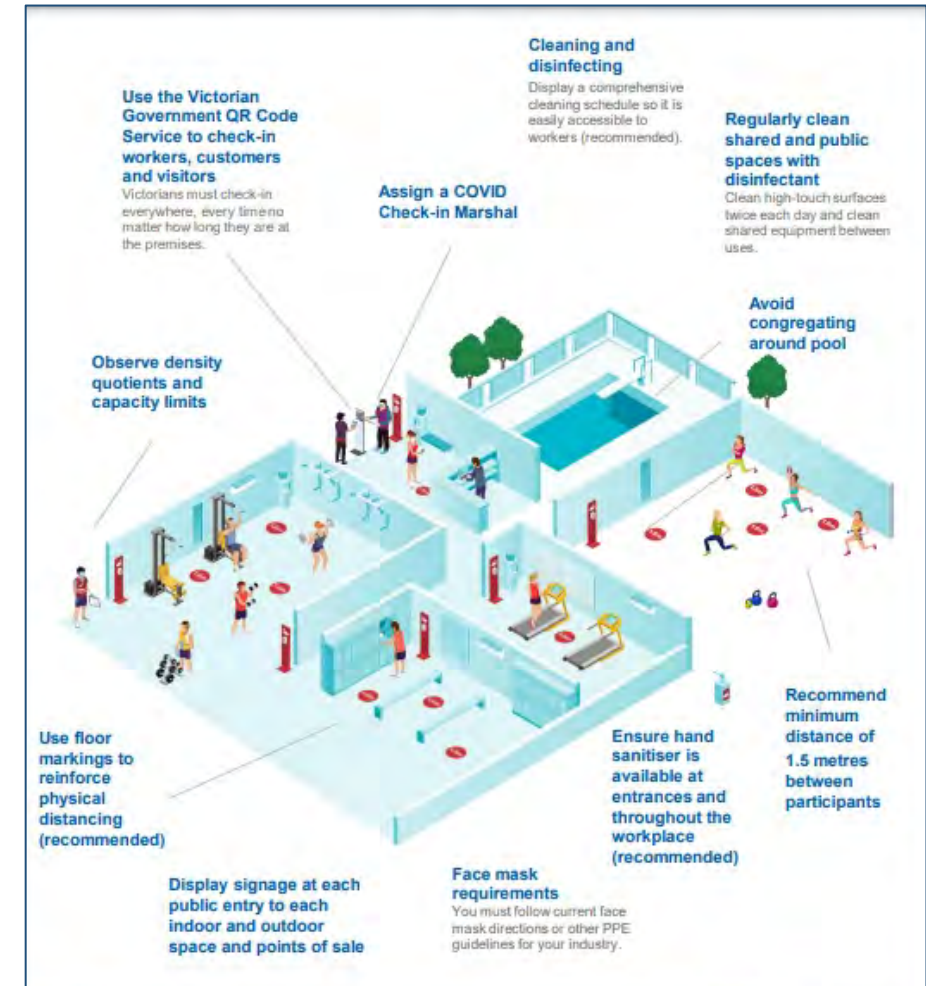
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