

COVID Response Plan

This protocol outlines the expectations of staff, volunteers, contractors and players (collectively “participants”) at Tennis Victoria Inter-regionals in relation to COVID-19 symptoms and testing, and Tennis Victoria’s response plan should a participant test positive to COVID-19.

Symptoms

1. Where a participant exhibits symptoms of COVID-19:
 - a. The participant must immediately notify a TV staff member of their concerns (if the participant is not at the Venue, contact must be by phone; they must not come into Venue), who will refer the information to the Event Manager.
 - b. The Participant must stay away from the venue (or leave the venue immediately) and should contact a GP.
 - c. Where the Event Manager identifies a participant clearly exhibiting symptoms, the Event Manager may request the participant leave the venue.
 - d. If the participant is at the venue and unable to return home, a staff member should provide the participant with a mask and gloves and sit him/her in private place and contact a GP. Use hand sanitizer, and gloves. Once the participant has left the venue, thorough disinfectant spot-cleaning should take place. For serious symptoms, such as difficulty breathing, call 000.
2. Initial management including the need for PCR testing will be guided by the participant's GP (if consulted). If the person meets the local case definition for testing, the participant will undergo appropriate COVID-19 testing via the public health system.
3. If directed to test, the participant must self-isolate until the results of PCR testing are known.
 - a. In the event of a **negative test**, the Participant should not return to the venue until 24 hours after symptoms have resolved. If Symptoms persist and a diagnosis of COVID-19 is still suspected, the Participant may need a repeat test subject to the advice of the CMO or the Participant's GP.
 - b. In the event of a **positive test**, the player may not return to the venue for the remainder of the event and must quarantine at the direction of health officials. Any accommodation expenses associated with this is the responsibility of individual players, volunteers and contractors. For TV staff, TV will cover any associated expenses.

Contact tracing in the event of a positive test for COVID-19

The Event Manager (Bree Sharp) is the TV contact person for the Department of Health and Human Services and contact tracers.

Upon learning of a positive test the Event Manager shall:

- Contact the TV CEO (Ruth Holdaway) to inform her of the occurrence.
- Notify TA's Manager Risk (Lee Ross), who shall liaise directly with WorkSafe Victoria for TV's WHS obligations.
- Cooperate with all lawful requests and directions from the Department of Health and Human Services and contact tracing staff.
- Export from Sine Pro the system logs which indicate the date and time of the entry and exit of each participant into the venue on each day of the event. Provide this information to DHHS contact tracers.

Continuation of the event in the event of a positive test for COVID-19

TV will follow the direction or advice of DHHS as to whether play at Inter-Regionals should be cancelled for the remainder of the day or for remainder of the event, for some or all participants, should a positive test occur.

Where DHHS's direction or advice is not forthcoming, or where the Event Manager wishes make a decision to cancel play or remove teams from the event where DHHS does not direct or advise this course of action, the decision shall be referred to the CEO for decision.

Communication

Unless directed via DHHS, all communication by TV regarding a COVID-19 positive test should be considered a public statement requiring approval by the CEO per TV's Media Spokesperson Policy.

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