



Coronavirus Policy

Overview and Purpose

The AGSV and APS Sport are continuing to closely monitor any outbreaks of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (COVID-19) first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that can cause illnesses from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV).

Risk

Currently in Australia, people most at risk of contracting the virus are people who have:

- been in a high-risk country or region recently, or
- been in close contact with someone who is a confirmed case of coronavirus

To comply with the best practice Risk Assessment, AGSV/APS will identify hazards at the venues used and the associated risks and do what is reasonably practicable to eliminate those risks.

How COVID-19 Spreads

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

Depending on the venue, an appropriate range of actions by AGSV/APS may include:

- Monitoring official Government sources for current information and advice for outbreaks in the area of the event
- Providing clear advice to Staff, Students and Officials about actions they should take if they become unwell or think they may have the symptoms of coronavirus, in accordance with advice from the Australian Government Department of Health and State or Territory Health Department
- Confirming with Coaches and Managers that no one from their team has been in contact with another person who has been infected

Staff, Students and Officials Responsibilities

Staff and Students participating at AGSV/APS events should also have a duty to take reasonable care for their own health and safety and to not adversely affect the health and safety of others. Staff, Students and Officials should be reminded to always practice good hygiene and other measures to protect themselves and other against infection. This includes:

- Washing their hands often, with soap and water, or carrying hand sanitiser and using it as needed
- Not shaking hands before or after games
- Not sharing Water Bottles or the like with other players
- Covering their mouth when coughing or sneezing, but not using their hands to do so
- If a Staff, Student or Official has a heavy cold, a sore throat, a cough, has flu-like symptoms or is running a fever you should notify an official immediately then self isolate to await further instructions.
- Seeing a health care professional if they start to feel unwell
- If unwell, avoiding contact with others (including shaking hands or other touching, such as hugging).

A full version of the AGSV/APS COVID Plan has been circulated to all schools Delegates.



Conditions for Exclusion

Students, visitors and staff are not permitted to enter AGSV/APS Events if they:

- Are experiencing any of the following symptoms (sore throat, runny nose, cough, shortness of breath, fever, loss of taste, loss of smell, diarrhea, conjunctivitis, headache, myalgia/arthralgia (muscle/joint pain), a rash on skin, or discolouration of fingers or toes).
- Have been in close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 (during the period in which the virus is contagious)
- Are awaiting the results of a test for COVID-19.
- Should be self-isolating.
- Have visited any locations and local government areas (LGAs) that have been classified for action(hotspot) in the last 14 days

Conditions of Entry & Recommendations

- Everyone entering the venue who is not a nominated participant must sign in using the QR code. This includes all, care givers, spectators and coaches not listed on the team sheet.
- All non-participants must wear a mask at all times if required by government legislation at that time and that competitors do so whilst not on the court/field.
- All people entering the venue must follow the directions of the appointed COVID Marshal.
- Where possible students should arrive prepared to play and not use the Change Rooms.
- At large multi school events Teams/Students will be allocated a specific area at the venue and should where possible remain in that area and not enter other designated areas.
- Social Distancing - Ensure you do not enter areas that are already at designated capacity.
- You should bring your own drink bottle where possible.
- Schools and Parents should ensure that you drop off and pick up in an area that is not crowded.
- Spectators should not sing or chant.
- Each person that enters the event should use the hand sanitiser provided and regularly reapply from one of the designated stations.