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Hospitality, Sport & Recreation

Advice for businesses

Businesses seeking to reopen, including hospitality, sports and recreation, community and cultural venues, will need to complete an official COVID Safety Plan. The WA Government has begun consulting with key stakeholders to develop COVID Safety Plans and Guidelines, which will be available during this week.

This includes consultation with the hospitality, community and cultural venues, and sport and recreation sectors.

Hygiene training

A mandatory AHA Hospitality and Tourism COVID-19 hygiene training program has been launched to prepare the hospitality industry for a return to business. This specialised training course will need to be successfully completed by every staff member employed at a hospitality venue — with businesses strictly only able to reopen when the requirements are met.

The course covers:

- understanding COVID-19 and venue restrictions
- reporting personal health issues
- maintaining personal and work environment hygiene practices
- reducing cross contamination through procedures
- effective cleaning and sanitising practices

The course draws on State and Federal health directions regarding COVID-19.

The course is two-tiered, with all staff required to successfully complete the first component, and managers and supervisors required to complete the second, more advanced aspect. Every venue must have a staff member with the more advanced accreditation on shift at all times, as the venue's dedicated hygiene officer.

Western Australia's 70,000 hospitality workers are encouraged to study the Tier 1 course material and complete the assessment.



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From next Monday, May 18, **cafés and restaurants** will be able to offer dine-in meals for up to 20 patrons at a time, while meeting social distancing requirements (four square metre rule).

Businesses will also have to display signage that the venue is compliant with all conditions.

Existing social distancing regulations for hospitality businesses remain in place, with any future easing of restrictions dependent on expert health advice.

Businesses will need to ensure their COVID Safety Plan is available for inspection by authorised officers including police, health officers and the like. Peak industry bodies are being consulted on specific, relevant and practical guidelines to help businesses complete the plans, which will consider steps business owners will need to take to re-open, including hygiene and social distancing requirements.

Businesses will need to display a poster signifying that they have prepared a plan in a prominent area so the public know they are taking the necessary steps to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

All businesses will be encouraged to review their plan regularly and update or amend it as required. **For more information on COVID Safety Plans, visit wa.gov.au**

Community facilities

Community facilities such as libraries and public pools can re-open while non-contact community sports and outdoor and indoor fitness classes will be allowed, all subject to normal distancing conditions. **Changerooms, clubrooms and function facilities remain closed.**



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Community Sport - Return to Training update

The Shire of Goomalling can confirm that community sport **training** can resume at its facilities under set conditions and protocols from Monday, May 18, 2020.

Under the State Government's COVID-19 WA Road Map, May 18 represents the date that Phase 2 conditions will be applied to WA Communities, which will allow for a return to training.

FOOTBALL - To ensure the safe return to community sport, the WAFC has worked with the State Government to develop a series of guidelines for football clubs to follow.

This includes a checklist for clubs to complete, hygiene and small group training protocols, as well as online COVID-19 infection control training for key club leaders.

Over the next week **all** clubs in WA will need to start their planning and preparation if they wish to return to training from May 18.

The following documents, training and checklist must be adhered to for Football training to recommence.

- Guidelines for a Return to Training in Western Australia
- Return to Training Protocols
- Return to Training Checklist
- COVID-19 infection control training
- Return to Training Frequently Asked Questions

It is important that everyone involved with community football **and other sports in Western Australia** clearly understand the requirements for a safe return to training so that community sport continues contributing to positive community health outcomes, while also increasing the possibility of a full return to play sooner regardless of the sport.



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It is also important to note that although returning to *training* in small groups will be permitted, it is still expected to be some time before a return to *play* will be permitted, given that a number of State Government restrictions are yet to be lifted.

The State Government will be responsible for guiding community sport progression through the stages for a return to play and make the final decision on when it is safe to take the next step towards full training and then competition.

Further updates will be provided as soon as information becomes available.

Summary of key conditions:

- Return to training protocols come into effect from May 18.
- Training can resume in groups no larger than 20.
- All training is to remain non-contact.
- Footballs are permitted, training equipment such as weights, tackling bags are not and no use of gyms at all.
- Strict hygiene protocols need to be followed.
- **NO access to change rooms, gyms, function areas or club rooms. You must turn up ready to train, showers are not available.**
- Groups must train on allocated areas of an oval, no cross over of training groups can occur.
- **Social distancing rules still apply.**
- Clubs must complete return to training checklist and on-line training.
- WAFC recommends the use of the COVID-19 App for all participants.

NETBALL – At the time of writing there has been no further information available from the Netball WA website. I would assume that the advice will be similar to football and that in general, the above principles will apply. The Netball WA website suggests that further information will be available later in the week.

HOCKEY – There is no recent update on the Hockey WA website with regard to training although there is a posting of the State Government guidelines with regard to activity. I would assume that fitness training will likely be supported, again with similar training conditions to football.



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GOLF - Can we play competition golf?

On Wednesday April 22, Golf Australia circulated to clubs Guidance on Managing Play in the COVID-19 environment. Whilst many of the ideas raised have been in place by golf clubs for some weeks now, as have the Temporary Modifications to the Rules of Golf issued by the R&A in March, Golf Australia's communication also raised the matter of playing competition golf.

Golf WA's position is that *if* a club wishes to introduce competition golf it still *must* address the fundamental issue of the requirements on social distancing and ask whether playing competition golf creates issues that you may currently have under control. If a club is comfortable that they can play competition golf and still maintain social distancing and all other government requirements, then Golf WA recommends clubs follow the preferred formats of play and score submission options stated by Golf Australia.

Can we play in a 4-ball?

Yes. The Phase 2 Easing of Restrictions outline that group sizes must be limited to ten people and golf can now be played in a 4-ball (or more for alternate formats of the game).

Again – the Clubhouse facility is not open at this stage, the Golf Course is.

Participants in all sports should be cautious as to what activities are undertaken until further guidance is provided by state and federal governing bodies. There may well be insurance issues surrounding the return to training without the governing body guidelines or advice.

This is the latest information as at the time of printing and the Phase 2 easing of restrictions will **commence as at 18th May 2020**. As more specific information becomes available, we will provide further updates.



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Doctors Surgery – Everyone should understand that distancing measures are still in place, the surgery will still be operating under modified conditions for the foreseeable future. This means that nothing changes until we advise you differently and while the threat has reduced, it has not gone away; coronavirus is still out there and it still has the potential to kill people.

Any measures in place are for your safety, they are there to protect you and the staff at the surgery. Please take notice of the signage, markings and requests from the surgery staff, they are there to look after your health. **Please ensure that you ring to book your appointments rather than attend the surgery to book.**

Shire Facilities – Likewise, for the time being most Shire facilities will remain closed with some allowed exceptions. Again, please observe distancing measures and hygiene requirements as we have done over the last few months.

GOLF CLUBHOUSE – Closed – course is open for modified play

NETBALL COURTS – Open for training only, limited groups

OVALS – Open for up to 20 participants

CHANGE ROOMS – CLOSED

TENNIS PAVILION – Open to small fitness groups (10), no shared equipment

CARAVAN PARK – Open

SWIMMING POOL – Closed – Off Season

SHIRE HALL – Open to small groups up to 20, conditions apply

CWA HALL – Closed

SENIOR CITIZENS HALL – Open with conditions

CRC/LIBRARY – Open under modified conditions

SHIRE OFFICE – Open by appointment until further notice

DOCTORS SURGERY – No change to current measures

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