



Keeping Our Clubs Clean During COVID-19

In addition to regular, routine cleaning of our Clubs, such as emptying bins and cleaning toilets, enhanced cleaning may help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Keeping the workplace clean is important for reducing the number of germs that survive on surfaces. We must provide sufficient cleaning and disinfection supplies and equipment to ensure a safe environment to play footy.

Venue Environments

- Provide supplies of alcohol-based hand sanitiser at the venue entry and around the precinct where possible.
- Routine workplace cleaning should be undertaken at least daily and possibly more often in large, busy venues.
- Cleaning should be carried out in all areas where activity is undertaken so far as is reasonably practicable. Where equipment, eg footballs, tackle bags etc, are shared surfaces should be cleaned frequently.
- Regularly clean frequently touched surfaces. This includes seating, door handles, benchtops, kitchens, showers, bathroom fixtures, toilets and water taps.

Cleaning Regimes

- Physically clean surfaces using detergent and water (use as per the label instructions) followed by rinsing and drying or disinfectant. A clean cloth (disposable or able to be laundered) or a spray should be used each time.
- Start the cleaning process in the cleanest areas and finish in the dirtier areas to prevent cross-infection. Wear either single-use or reusable gloves (such as washing-up gloves) when cleaning. If using reusable gloves wash them off using running water and detergent after use and hang outside to dry.
- Wash your hands after you have finished cleaning and removed the gloves.
- Ensure that cleaning equipment is well maintained, cleaned and appropriately stored.
- Disposable cleaning cloths should be placed in the general waste after use.
- Cleaning with detergent and water should be adequate for routine cleaning.
- Disinfectants are used for surfaces that may have been contaminated with potentially infectious material. Make sure the disinfectant has enough time in contact with the surface, is used at the right concentration and is applied to a clean, dry surface.
- Protective eyewear and Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) is recommended to be worn whilst cleaning to prevent splashing and potential skin irritations or serious side effects to individuals.
- Once cleaning is completed, place all disposable cleaning items in the general waste. Waste does not need any additional handling or treatment measures.

- People should use the following process to safely remove personal protective equipment especially disposable items:
 - Remove and dispose of gloves. Remove gloves being careful not to contaminate bare hands during glove removal. Clean your hands.
 - Remove and dispose of other PPE. Clean your hands.
- Disposable PPE can be disposed of into the general waste.
- Health authorities advise that surgical masks in the community are only helpful in preventing people who have COVID-19 infection from spreading it to others. In the Cairns environment this would mean they are unnecessary at this time.

Disinfectants

Disinfectants that are suitable for use on hard surfaces (that is, surfaces where any spilt liquid pools, and does not soak in) include: alcohol in a concentration of at least 70%, chlorine bleach in a concentration of 1000 parts per million, oxygen bleach, or wipes and sprays that contain quaternary ammonium compounds. These chemicals will be labelled as 'disinfectant' on the packaging and must be diluted or used following the instructions on the packaging to be effective.

Source: <https://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/covid-19-information-workplaces/cleaning-prevent-spread-covid-19>

Venue requirements for Match Days

Apart from the cleaning regimes previously mentioned, match day protocols are essential.

- *Entry Gate Scrutiny* – All persons entering the venue must be identified by one of the following methods as they enter.
 1. **COVID SAFE Mobile Phone App**. – ask if they have the App. If downloaded and active they can enter.
 2. **QR Code** – Scan QR code and complete form on your mobile phone.
 3. **Manual Registration** – ask patron to enter their name and phone contact number.
- *Social Distancing* – All persons entering the venue must be reminded to participate in 'Social Distancing' by staying 1.5m from others within the venue.
- *Change Rooms* – Use of change rooms should be minimised as much as is practical and efficient. Only essential participants should be in the rooms. Spectators, supporters and family members are not allowed entry except in emergency situations such as medical events.
- *Bar & Canteen Protocols* – Clubs must adhere to the COVID-Safe Checklist for Restaurants, Cafes, Pubs, Clubs and Hotels protocols. https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/127235/COVID-Safe-Checklist-RestCafes.pdf
- Ensure your club has COVID Safe qualified coordinators. This can be done by individuals via a simple 20 minute on-line course. <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-infection-control-training>

