

COVID PROTOCOLS UPDATE

FOR ALL CRICKET IRELAND INTERNATIONAL AND REPRESENTATIVE CRICKET

(Inter-pro Senior & Youth, Super Series, International Youth, Future Series)

Ireland and the UK have reopened with regards to COVID-19 with a vast reduction in restrictions that the pandemic brought about. The reality is that COVID-19 is still with us and there are still components to our approach to cricket which requires both a collective and individual responsibility. Cricket Ireland invests millions of Euros into our International and Domestic cricket, and therefore needs to protect all those involved in the delivery of these matches.

Cricket aside, below is the current government advice with regards to COVID-19 testing, close contacts and isolation periods. Please read the following carefully and follow the hyperlinks for more information.

Government advice

- All COVID-19 restrictions have ended as of April 1 2022.
- You should continue to [self-isolate](#) if you have symptoms of COVID-19. You are advised to wear a [face mask](#) on public transport and in healthcare settings.
- There is no longer a requirement to show proof of vaccination or recovery to [travel to Ireland](#). You also do not have to complete a Passenger Locator Form to come into Ireland.

Testing and close contacts

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 you should self-isolate until 48 hours after your symptoms end. You no longer need a [COVID-19 test](#) if you have symptoms, unless you:
 - Are 55 or older and have not received a booster
 - Have a high-risk medical condition
 - Are immunocompromised
 - Live in the same household or provide care and support to someone who is immunocompromised
 - Are pregnant
 - Are a healthcare worker

If you are a [close contact](#) with no symptoms, you no longer need a test unless you are a healthcare worker who is a household close contact.

Self-isolation for COVID-19

- [Introduction](#)
- [When do I need to self isolate?](#)
- [How long do I self-isolate for?](#)
- [What do I do after self-isolating?](#)
- [Caring for someone who cannot self-isolate](#)

With regards to the 2022 domestic and international competitions, the following guidance is in place:

Individual responsibility

- There will no longer a daily monitoring questionnaire prior to arrival at the grounds
- There will no longer be a check in procedure with temperature check
- There will no longer be a match day COVID officer
- Facemasks in indoor spaces are no longer mandatory
- All attending players, match officials and on duty staff or volunteers have the responsibility of monitoring themselves with regards to symptoms of COVID-19. If an individual is experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 it is their responsibility to report it immediately to the appropriate person (players should report to their Provincial Union for Inter-Pro matches, and the CI Physio for all international or Super Series matches); match officials should report to IACUS and the CI Cricket Operations Manager; and staff should report to their relevant PU or CI line-manager).
- Nobody experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 should attend the ground and should not attend any training sessions until they are completely non symptomatic. If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, they need to follow their relevant government advice and not attend training or matches for 10 days. The current list of COVID-19 symptoms according to the NHS and HSE include:

Most common symptoms:

- fever
- cough
- tiredness
- loss of taste or smell

Less common symptoms:

- sore throat
- headache
- aches and pains
- diarrhoea
- a rash on skin, or discolouration of fingers or toes
- red or irritated eyes

Serious symptoms:

- difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- loss of speech or mobility, or confusion
- chest pain

Match Days

Facilities

Use of pavilions, changing rooms, indoor toilets and seating areas will be open for indoor use. We still recommend that you limit your time within indoor spaces and in small groups when inside. If Marquees and tents are available we recommend that you favour using these spaces.

Playing Conditions

The 2022 domestic season will still not permit the use of saliva for ball management. Sweat taken from the back of the neck and forehead will be permitted. The ball will be required to undergo sanitisation if this practice is seen or admitted to. Although this would likely be due to accidental use of saliva, multiple infringements for this will lead to an on-field warning and may lead to on field sanctions if the umpire feels it appropriate.

Umpires will use their discretion and personal circumstances in accepting player clothing.

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