RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOLS;

AFLNT / Club Hosting Home Game Requirements
✓ NT Government COVID Safety Plan will be completed for every venue
✓ All AFLNT & Club Match Managers will complete mandatory COVID-19 health and safety training
✓ AFLNT to conduct briefings in advance of Round 1
✓ Where practical, AFLNT will allow for a small break between matches for cleaning and for people to leave the venue
✓ AFLNT will ensure footballs are wiped in the quarter-time breaks and between games
✓ Anyone responsible for a venue must have clear signage and markings displayed in all venues to encourage social distancing
✓ Anyone responsible for a venue must have sanitising stations provided in key locations
✓ Anyone responsible for a venue must increase cleaning of that venue

Club / Umpire Group Requirements
✓ Each club / umpire group to nominate a COVID Safety Officer to ensure their club is complying with all protocols
✓ One Official per team/umpire group must complete mandatory Returning to Community Football in a COVID-19 environment online course.
✓ Clubs/umpire groups to conduct briefings with players / umpires and officials ahead of Round 1
✓ Only key club and AFLNT personnel can access change rooms / bench
✓ Teams are responsible for wiping down change room benches after use of change rooms

Other/General Requirements
✓ Crowds of up to 500 people are permitted, unless otherwise advised (i.e. Grand Finals) and upon completion of an NT Government over 500 Safety Plan
✓ Spectators are not permitted to gather around team huddles at breaks
✓ Everyone must adhere to any relevant NT Government advised travel restrictions
✓ Everyone is to follow the direction and advice of Police, Local Government and AFLNT at all times

HYGIENE PROTOCOLS;

Everyone
• Do not attend if unwell
• Apply personal hygiene measures – use hand sanitiser before and after attending the venue
• Adhere to social distancing (1.5m between) which will be monitored by officials, security and police

AFLNT / Clubs Hosting Home Games
• Wipe footballs at breaks
• Limit and disperse spectators – no field access
• Minimise the use of communal facilities (toilet or medical use only with strict social distancing)

Clubs / Players / Umpiring Groups
• Do not share water bottles or towels
• Massage beds, if required, must only use single-use towels and cleaning treatment following every use
• Mouthguards remain in mouth
• Showers to be had at home where possible
• No sharing food
• Avoid high-fives / celebratory contact

General Hygiene Practices
• Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds - if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser
• Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
• Avoid close contact with people who are sick
• Stay home and seek medical treatment when you are sick
• Cover your mouth to cough or sneeze
• Recommend vulnerable individuals or those aged 70+ years consider their attendance. If attending, strict social distancing applies
RETURN TO PLAY CHECKLIST – AFLNT/CLUBS HOSTING MATCHES

- COMPLETE THE NTG COVID-19 ONLY SAFETY CHECKLIST FOR SPORT AND ACTIVE RECREATION ORGANISATIONS
  The NT Governments Online Checklist has been completed for all venues

- COMPLETE ANY RISK ASSESSMENTS OR ADDITIONAL COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL
  If your local council require any further documentation for access to facilities, ensure this has been completed prior to recommencement

- PROVIDE AFLNT WITH A COPY OF ALL COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS
  If your club operates its own home ground, you must provide AFL Northern Territory with a copy of your NTG Checklist prior to commencement (Sport & Recreation Organisation, as well as Food Services)

- VENUE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING
  Social distancing measures as per Return to Play have been put in place

- ALL REQUIRED SIGNAGE HAS BEEN CLEARLY HUNG WITHIN THE VENUE
  Posters provided by the AFL have been hung and are clearly prominent within the venue

- ALL HYGIENE MEASURES HAVE BEEN PUT IN PLACE WITHIN THE VENUE
  Hygiene measures as per the Return to Play protocols have been implemented

- CROWD MEASURES
  Crowd measures have been put in place as outlined within the Return to Play protocols

- FOOD & BEVERAGE MEASURES
  Canteen measures have been put in place as outlined within the Return to Play protocols

- LIMIT CHANGE ROOM & PLAYER BENCH ACCESS
  No spectators are to enter rooms or player benches at any time

- CLEANING HAS BEEN INCREASED
  Provision of cleaning has been increased for the venue as per the Return to Play protocols

- COVIDSafe APP
  The club has encouraged all players, volunteers and families to download the COVIDSafe app to help in tracing the spread of COVID-19.

- FOLLOW DIRECTIONS
  The club understands that they must follow the direction and advice of Police, Local Government and AFLNT at all times.
RETURN TO PLAY CHECKLIST - CLUBS/UMPIRE GROUPS

- **COMPLETE THE COVID-19 HEALTH & SAFETY TRAINING**
  One Official per team/umpiring group must complete mandatory Returning to Community Football in a COVID-19 environment online course

- **CLUB / UMPIRE GROUPS MUST NOMINATE A COVID SAFETY OFFICER**
  The club's COVID Safety Officer is responsible for ensuring all protocols are adhered to and in the case that someone is sick or unwell, is responsible for notifying AFLNT

- **CLUBS & TEAMS / UMPIRE GROUPS UNDERSTAND THE RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOLS**
  The clubs and all teams/Umpiring group have read, understood and agree to adhere to all guidelines

- **CLUBS / UMPIRING GROUPS HAVE CONDUCTED PLAYER / UMPIRE & OFFICIAL BRIEFINGS**
  The club/Umpiring Group has briefed all players/Umpires and officials on the Return to Play protocols

- **LIMIT CHANGE ROOM & PLAYER BENCH ACCESS**
  The club is aware that all club rooms, change rooms and player benches are limited to players and key officials only. No spectators are to enter rooms or player benches at any time

- **COVIDSafe APP**
  The club has encouraged all players, volunteers and families to download the COVIDSafe app to help in tracing the spread of COVID-19.

- **FOLLOW DIRECTIONS**
  The club understands that they must follow the direction and advice of Police, Local Government and AFLNT at all times.

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CROWD PROTOCOLS

• Arrange the venue layout to maintain 1.5 metres between participants & spectators
• Encourage participants and spectators to refrain from crowding together through signage where appropriate
• Manage the entry and exit points of the venue so that participants and spectators are not queuing at these points
• Ensure seating arrangements for spectators allow 1.5 metres between groups and between rows of seats
• Place signage around the premises to remind participants, and employees to maintain hygiene practices and to go home if feeling unwell
• Encourage participants and spectators to remain 1.5 metres apart when moving through the venue
• Encourage staff or spectators to minimise time spent in close contact with a particular focus on minimising face-to-face contact. Face-to-face contact with people not from your group should be 15 minutes or less

CANTEEN PROTOCOLS

• Canteen surfaces to be frequently and adequately cleaned
• Ensure social distancing by placing floor or wall markings or signs to identify 1.5 metres distance between persons for queues and waiting areas
• Set up different areas for ordering and collection, and where practical, separate entry and exit paths
• Consider using physical barriers where practical, such as widening counters or plexiglass around counters involving high volume interactions with customers
• Provide contactless payments or ordering and payment online or through ordering apps where practical
• Instruct all workers to practise good hygiene by frequently cleaning their hands
• Provide hand washing facilities for customers and patrons including clean running water, liquid soap, paper towels. If hand washing facilities are not readily available, provide an appropriate alcohol-based hand sanitiser
• Modify processes behind the counter (including in the kitchen) to limit workers having to be in close contact, as much as possible. For example:
  o Assign workers to specific workstations to minimise the need to go into other spaces
  o Implement processes so front of house workers can collect food without needing to go into food preparation areas.
• Educate all workers on protocols
• Put signs and posters up to remind workers and others of the risk of COVID-19

VULNERABLE COHORTS;

Any player or official member that has underlying health conditions or is considered a vulnerable person should consult with a healthcare professional prior to returning to the training or match day environment. Vulnerable cohorts (including those over 70 years of age) should remain 1.5m from all persons other than those with whom they share a household – this distancing requirement may prevent some individuals from undertaking some of the roles they may normally undertake within the club.

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TESTING OR UNWELL PLAYERS/OFFICIALS;

- Anyone who has a fever or respiratory symptoms consistent with coronavirus, no matter how mild, is strongly recommended to attend a COVID-19 clinic, or their CP, for assessment and testing.
- Monitor for symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath. Other early symptoms to watch for are chills and body aches or muscle pain, a sore throat, headaches, runny nose, diarrhoea or unexplained loss of taste or smell.
- If it is determined the player or official is to undertake a test, following the test they must self-isolate by immediately going home and resting while they wait for the test result (which they should usually get within 2 days). Whilst they are waiting, they must stay at home (i.e. Not attend work, school/university or training), wash their hands often with soap and water, cough and sneeze into a clean tissue or their elbow and avoid close contact with others, including members of their household.
- The club’s nominated representative (e.g. COVID Safety Officer) must be notified that they have undertaken a COVID-19 test who must then notify an AFLNT official who will advise on next steps.
- If they receive a positive test result, they must strictly follow all instructions to self-quarantine.
- They will also be contacted by relevant authorities to help contact trace their close contacts.
- AFLNT and the club must also follow the advice of authorities with regard to any suspension of training / games.
- A player/official member must also not join the training or playing environment if in the last 14 days they have been unwell or had contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19.

EDUCATION PROTOCOLS

Requirement → Any Club Medical Official (doctors, physios, sports trainers) must complete the Australian Government COVID-19 infection control training designed for doctors, nurses and allied health personnel working in a medical/health setting

Requirement → All players and official are encouraged to subscribe to the Government’s COVID-19 tracing app.

Requirement → Clubs to conduct briefings in advance of return to play for players, coaches and officials to outline these protocols.

Requirement → Club to nominate a COVID Safety Officer and Club Office holders to lead a strong culture of COVID-19 safety for the health and wellbeing of club members and the broader community.

ALL FOOTBALL CLUBS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN:

- Reducing the spread of COVID-19;
- Promoting good hygiene practices amongst players and officials;
- Adhering and promoting the NT Government Requirements around social distancing and gatherings; and
- Following the clear protocols and requirements around Return to Play.

It is important that clubs are respectful in adhering to the protocols outlined as part of Return to Play, as they form part of the current Government directions, and sanctions can be applied to individuals and to clubs if they are in breach.

Every club and individual playing their part in adhering to the protocols will mean that football would have played its part in the community through a commitment to community health outcomes.

THESE DIRECTIONS FORM A KEY PART OF THE RETURN TO TRAINING PROTOCOLS. CLUBS FOUND TO BE IN BREACH OF THE RETURN TO TRAINING PROTOCOLS MAY ALSO BE SANCTIONED BY WAY OF FINE OR SUSPENSION.
### CLUB BRIEFINGS

#### PARTICIPANT BRIEFING
Prior to round 1, clubs to provide a briefing to all participants, coaches, volunteers, parents that includes:

- Hygiene practices that have been implemented by the club/AFLNT, including hygiene procedures around the venue and equipment
- Hygiene expectations of all participants
- What to do if you are feeling unwell or have been in contact with people who are sick
- Opt-out options for individuals who may not yet feel comfortable returning to play
- Restrictions that are in place on club rooms, change rooms and player benches – they must not be accessed by anyone else
- No gathering around team huddles during breaks
- The important role everyone plays in ensuring a successful return to play
- Everyone must follow all directions given to them by officials regarding the protocols

#### COACHES BRIEFING
Clubs should also brief all coaches on the required expectations as leaders within the club environment, including:

- Importance of the required hygiene protocols and practices
- Limited use of change rooms, club rooms and player benches
- Requirement for all change rooms to be wiped down by each team after use
- Requirement for players & officials to follow all protocols
- Responsibility as leaders to influence behaviour change

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AFL COMMUNITY FOOTBALL COVID CROWD GUIDELINES

CONDITION OF ENTRY THAT ALL ENTRANTS TO THIS GROUND MUST FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES OR RISK EVICTION

Download the COVID App
Ensure the App is installed so we can trace and report any cases.

No Entry if Sick
If you have been unwell or close to someone unwell, you must not enter.

Social Distancing Applies
Maintain 1.5m distance at all times. Where possible watch the Game from your car.

Practice Good Hygiene
Stop the spread of germs. Wash your hands, cover your mouth when coughing / sneezing & bin your rubbish.

No Congregating at Team Huddle
No congregating at team huddles during the breaks.

Respect our Officials & Volunteers
Respect the instructions of officials. Protocols are in place to keep everyone safe & footy in play.