



ELLENBROOK UNITED FC - COVID RESPONSE PLAN

1. SCOPE

This Policy has been designed to address the potential impact and effects of the COVID pandemic in WA on Ellenbrook United Football Club operations. It aims to give clear guidelines in the keeping of a safe training and match day environment and direction in the event of COVID infection of Players, Parents, Volunteers and Coaches.

This policy applies to all persons associated with EUFC - Coaches, Executive and General Committee members, players and their families, and any entities working within the Club rooms as an affiliate or on a sub-leasing agreement.

2. VISION

This policy is designed in keeping with EUFC's vision of care, with the intent to keep the following stakeholders safe –

- a) Players and their families,
- b) Coaching and Executive Committee Staff,
- c) Volunteers
- d) Affiliate and Sub-Leasing entities,
- e) The Community of Ellenbrook

3. ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

For the purpose of this policy, a member of EUFC is defined by the Stakeholders defined in article 2a to 2d.

All members are required to always comply with current HDWA and City of Swan directives regarding PPE, including but not limited to -

- a. Masks must always be worn in the Club rooms; no mask wearing required whilst on the pitches.
- b. All stakeholders must comply with checking in when entering the Club rooms as per HDWA directive with SafeWA app to assist in contact tracing.
- c. All stakeholders are encouraged to use hand sanitiser as often as possible.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING

AS PER COVID SAFETY PLAN:

- Hand sanitisers at every entry point
- Club rooms to be sanitised and maintained by City of Swan



5. IN THE EVENT OF PLAYER ILLNESS/CONTACT WITH COVID POSITIVE

a. MEMBER ILLNESS - If a Member (defined as a player/parent/coach/volunteer) feels unwell and/or been advised to be tested due to being symptomatic, they must refer to Covid-19 Reporting Process & Flowpath.

- Go to the nearest COVID clinic to be tested via PCR as directed
- Inform the Club ASAP
- Isolate until a negative test is produced and you feel better.
- The Club Executive Committee and Director of Football will initiate the COVID Response protocols

b. CLOSE CONTACTS - As advised by WA Government on 7/2/22:

Under the new protocols, someone will be classified as a close contact if:

- *They are a household or intimate contact of a COVID-positive person and have had contact with them during their infectious period*
- *Have had a close personal interaction with a COVID positive person while masks were removed, including more than 15 minutes spent face-to-face, or two hours in small room*
- *If notified by WA Health they are a close contact based on specific circumstances*

There will no longer be testing requirements for casual contacts, but people are still urged to monitor exposure sites.

If a member is deemed a close contact as above, they must:

- Go to the nearest COVID clinic to be tested via PCR as directed
- Inform the Club ASAP to initiate the COVID Response protocol
- Isolate until a negative test is produced
- If you are found to be **COVID POSITIVE** – follow HDWA directives and inform the Club ASAP
- If you are found to be **COVID Negative** - you will be required to show a negative test before returning to training/playing.
- IF YOU ARE UNSURE – CONTACT THE CLUB feedback@eufc.org.au

c. COVID POSITIVE CASES - If a member/associated person who is isolating proves to be COVID positive, they must:

- Inform the Club ASAP
- The Club will initiate the COVID Response Protocol



6. COVID RESPONSE PROTOCOL

Once an email has been received - the Club will initiate the following protocols -

a. CLOSE CONTACT (ANY DEFINITION) –

- Monitor and ask affected member to report as per WA Health testing and isolation protocol
- inform coach and playing group to monitor for symptoms, training to continue for affected team
- If player tests positive – inform coach/playing group to follow close contact protocols

b. COVID POSITIVE –

- Inform coach and playing group – follow close contact protocols
- Inform Football West regarding fixture
- Inform City of Swan – initiate deep clean of facilities
- Sub-leasing and affiliate entities are to be contacted and informed
- Inform general members of COVID positive case and response
- In event of high case loads – consult with Football West protocols

7. IN THE EVENT OF A CLOSE CONTACT ALERT DURING TRAINING

In the event that a member associated with their team receives a close contact alert, or that another member has been declared COVID positive during training –

- a) ALL players and coaches will be deemed close contacts.
- b) The session will immediately be shut down with players, parents and coaches to go home
- c) The coach of the affected team will need to contact the TD and DOF ASAP of this event by phone
- d) Each member will need to be tested and isolate until negative result is provided.
- e) COVID Response protocol will be initiated

8. IN THE EVENT OF A TEAM BEING UNABLE TO FULFILL THEIR NEXT GAME

If a playing group is considered close contact with no symptoms and a negative RAT test is provided, the team will do its best to fulfill their next fixture.

If the team are heavily affected by COVID absences, they must speak with the coaches in their age group for assistance ie. Loan of a player/s to cover COVID absences.

If a team cannot field a full team ie. Less than required to start the game as per the competition rules, they must inform both their TD and DOF ASAP. We will then notify the opposition about a possible solution, which may include rescheduling/forfeiting the game as per the competition rules.



9. COVID PEAK OPERATIONS

In the event of high volumes of COVID community infections, the Club operations will be reviewed by the Executive Committee with a subsequent announcement to all members via Blog, Facebook and Newsletter.

10. RELATED LEGISLATION

Ellenbrook United FC is committed to providing a safe and healthy training and matchday environment for all members and visiting clubs and supporters, and to ensuring the health and safety of the community in a sport setting. This policy has been developed in accordance with the following principles:

- Public Health Act (WA) 2005
- The Workplace Health & Safety Act 1995 (WHS) Act 1995
- The Privacy Act 1988
- Current HDWA Public Health Directives

Ellenbrook United FC as a not-for-profit entity has a legal obligation to ensure the health and safety of members and visitors. The Club has a legal obligation to comply with the WA Health and the State Government's reasonable instructions, including instructions for public health and safety, and not to wilfully place at risk the health and safety of any other person.

11. RELATED ORGANISATIONAL DOCUMENTS

This policy has been designed in keeping with the current laws and regulations and in line with PRACWA Policies and Procedures, including -

- COVID Safety Plans

12. INCLUSION

All members have been consulted in the design process of this policy.



13. VERSION CONTROL AND CHANGE HISTORY

This policy will be reviewed and revised every 12 months, or in the event of emerging Public Health Directions and COVID policy changes from the Federal/State governments and WA Health Department.

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