



SANFL & COMMUNITY FOOTBALL **RETURN TO PLAY // CONTACT TRAINING**

MEDICAL SUPPORT STAFF | FACT SHEET

For the purpose of this fact sheet, Medical Support Staff refers to club doctors, sports trainers, first aiders, physiotherapists and any other trained health care personnel that may work/volunteer at a football club.

The following protocols must be adhered to at all times:

- All Medical Support Staff must undertake the online Government COVID-19 Infection Control Training prior to attending any training session
- Must follow all mandated hygiene and social distancing protocols
- Avoid all routine and non-essential manual therapy where possible
 - Hands on treatment should be kept to essential and emergency only
- Hand Hygiene must be used to minimise the risk of transmission between Medical Support Staff and Players
 - Medical Support Staff must wear disposable gloves, and change after each treatment
 - Medical Support Staff must wash their hands with soap and water, or utilise hand sanitiser following each treatment
- Where possible, any treatment should occur in an allocated Medical Treatment area, unless an emergency or considered impractical to do so
 - Any inside area utilised must provide the minimum 1 person per 4sqm standards
- Hygiene practises to include no linen except single use disposable bed roll/sheets on beds/chairs
 - Any chairs or treatment beds (and any other key surfaces) must be wiped down and sanitised after each athlete.
 - Minimum contact of non-essential surfaces to occur and hands on treatment should be kept to essential only
- All non-essential athletes and other personnel should avoid treatment areas, and the number of people in treatment areas should be kept to a minimum, following social distancing guidelines.
- While the use of facial masks is encouraged during treatments, it is not a requirement unless the person being treated has symptoms, and is suspected of having COVID-19
- Records of attendance of Medical Support Staff, as well as who they treated must be maintained (per template overleaf)

