

CRICKET VICTORIA COVID-19 UPDATE #23 (April 26)

The State Government recently announced a change to the requirements for QR codes that will impact most Community Cricket Clubs / Associations. QR codes used by Victorian organisations (including cricket clubs) now need to be either the Victorian State Government developed free QR codes and be developed by an approved company with an "API" that can 'speak' directly to the Department for Health's contact tracing system. This change allows the Department for Health to view the data immediately a suspected COVID-19 case has been identified without the need to follow up the organisation collecting the information – therefore greatly improving contact tracing processes. As such most cricket clubs / associations will be required to establish a new COVID-19 QR code before your next club / association event. Please read the below and take the appropriate action asap.

QR codes – **action required**

State Government approved Visitation Application Program Interface ("API")

Several companies have been approved by the State Government as having an approved API that allows the Department of Health to retrieve data automatically and therefore no action is required from Clubs or Associations using these companies. To check whether your existing QR code is with an approved organisation, you can check the regularly changing list available via this website - <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/visitation-api-connected-third-parties>

N.B.: The free QR code that CV provided guidance on before the start of the summer is via Microsoft. Microsoft is currently not listed as an approved Visitation API by the State Government and therefore clubs / Associations using the Microsoft solution will need to develop a new code via either the simple free State Government system below. Alternatively, Clubs / Associations can choose to engage one of the third parties listed above as approved by the State Government – some of whom would charge a fee for development / usage.

Free State Government QR code

Most Clubs and Associations will need to complete the once only, simple and free process to update their QR code. This should be done before your next cricket activity / event.

The State Government Coronavirus website linked below has a simple step by step guide where the club registers for a new QR code and after completing details about the organisation / locations, you can print out a poster containing the new QR code. Once complete, you don't need to worry about storing / deleting any data captured as it goes directly to the Department for Health.

Please visit <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/register-to-use-vic-gov-qr-code-service> to register, complete the application process and print out your new posters containing your QR codes. These posters should be on display at your next cricket event / meeting and for all activities moving forward.

More information if required can be found via - <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/about-victorian-government-qr-code-service>

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