



# SANFL & COMMUNITY FOOTBALL RETURN TO PLAY

## 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 or match day
- Must follow all mandated hygiene and social distancing protocols
- Avoid all routine and non-essential manual therapy
  - 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
- Any treatment should occur in a treatment area, and must provide for minimum density requirements
- Hygiene practises to include no linen or matting except single use disposable bed roll/sheets on beds/chairs/the ground
  - 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
- Where possible, records of attendance of Medical Support Staff, as well as who they treated should be maintained (per template overleaf)

