

# ICC EVENT BIOSAFETY PLAN TEMPLATE

Author: Lorraine D'Souza, Vanessa Hobkirk, Dr David Musker  
Date: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
Version: One (1)

<b>INDEX</b>	<b>Page</b>
Introduction (Purpose, Scope and Application of the Plan)	
Biosafety Advisory and COVID-19 Compliance Delivery Model	
COVID-19 Measures	
Host country Government regulations	
Education	
Pre-travel requirements	
Accommodation and transport	
Quarantine, Testing and Results Protocol	
Venue Operation Plans & Playing Conditions	
Accreditation and Zoning	
Protocols for entering, re-entering, and transferring between bio bubbles	
Medical Plan	
Covid-19 Measures	
Contingency Plans	

## 1. Background

- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has been profound and persistent across nations and societies across the globe. There has also been an observed disproportionate impact in all sports; there is no 'one size fits all' approach to managing elite, professional or recreational sport.
- It is also clear that the COVID-19 virus and our understanding of the epidemiology and management of the pandemic both in a societal and sporting context has been evolving over time; novel academic research and best practice is being published almost daily as a product of an intense effort across the world.
- Independent prediction of the pandemic suggests that it is a reasonable and proportionate working assumption that nations and sport will have to deal with this phenomenon for a further sustained period; and international, professional and recreational cricket will be played within the context of an active COVID 19 pandemic until the foreseeable future
- The purpose of the ICC Biosafety Template Plan is to distil the key learning from staging elite sport, within the context of the pandemic, to provide a template of the critical key information necessary to stage a biosafe and secure event. This template lays out the minimum standards expected of a Local Organising Committee (LOC) when staging an ICC Event with respect to a resilient, proportionate and robust Biosafety Plan to protect the health and wellbeing of all participants.
- Any ICC Event Biosafety Plan should be treated as a 'living document' and must be reviewed and updated periodically in the light of changes in the pandemic situation in the host nation and countries from which participants are travelling from.

## 2. Key Principles

- The four key principles that underpin the ICC Event Biosafety Plan Template are:
  - **Safety First:** The health and wellbeing of all participants is **the principal concern** of the ICC, Host Board and Local Organising Committee (LOC) when staging an ICC Event.
  - **Government Regulation:** The ICC, Host Board and Local Organising Committee (LOC) **must** be guided by their host country's national and state government COVID 19 health mitigation regulations.
  - **Education:** The **importance of education, dialogue and communication** cannot be over emphasized; participants should receive clear messaging and detailed information on COVID-19 protocols.
- **Risk Assessment and Mitigation:** To effectively plan for an ICC Event, the level of risk should be objectively assessed, and periodically reviewed to ensure that Biosafety Plans are fit for purpose.

## 3. Scope

- An ICC Event Biosafety Plan should include covid mitigation measures for all venues (hotels, training and match venues), functional areas (security, broadcast, media, anti-doping, spectators, caterers, etc) and all participants **Event**

**Note: The Biosafety Plan MUST be submitted to the ICC Security Manager, (david.musker@icc-cricket.com) no later than 2 months prior to the start of the event support period. The plan will also be subject to comment and sign off by the ICC Medical Advisory Committee.**

20XX (INSERT EVENT NAME)  
BIOSAFETY PLAN



Date	Version	Distribution list

## 1. INTRODUCTION (PURPOSE, SCOPE AND APPLICATION OF THE PLAN)

- Provide dates during which this plan will be implemented and an outline of the tournament structure.
- Who the plan applies to e.g., players, support staff, match officials, event staff, media, broadcast, spectators, etc?
- References to medical plan, safety & security, etc

## 2. BIOSAFETY AND COVID-19 COMPLIANCE MANAGEMENT

- Flow chart with names and designation
- Event biosafety management (roles and responsibilities)
- The following biosafety management roles are critical to the staging of the Event; the names and contact details of the responsible individuals must be recorded in the biosafety plan.

### Tournament LOC/Host Board COVID Compliance Officers (TCCO)

Name:

Phone:

E-mail address:

- The TCCO will be responsible for the following:

### Tournament Chief Medical Officer (CMO) and Co-Chair of the Biosafety Advisory Group

Name:

Phone:

E-mail address:

- The TCMO will be responsible for the following:

### ICC Chief Covid Compliance Officer (ICCCO) and Co-Chair of the Biosafety Advisory Group

Name:

Phone:

E-mail address:

- The ICCO will be responsible for the following:

### 3. HOST COUNTRY GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

- A Biosafety Advisory Group should be formed in consultation with the ICC Security Manager
- This Advisory Group will be co-chaired by the Chief Medical Officer and the ICC Chief Covid Compliance Officer. The group will also include the Event Covid Compliance Officer, an Independent Medical / Scientific Covid Advisor, ICC Event Director.
- Advisory group terms of reference

### 4. HOST COUNTRY GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

- Status of Covid infection and vaccination rates in the Host Nation and in the specific areas where the tournament is being staged.
- Government regulation in relation to travel from participating team nations
- Host nation border entry requirements (testing/quarantine/managed isolation/vaccination)
- Government restriction for intercity travel

### 5. EDUCATION

- Pre departure requirements
- Travel advisory
- Covid protocols handbook
- Signages around venues and hotels

### 6. PRE-TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

- Pre travel requirements (PCR, quarantine/managed isolation/training camps/bridging between bubbles)
- Travel protocols (charter or commercial / connections)
- Host nation border entry arrival requirements (PCR, vaccinations)

### 7. ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORT

- Accommodation details – exclusive use protocols (including entire hotel / hotel wing), dining facility, exclusive use of elevator, Gym protocols, swimming pool and outdoor spaces
- Hotel mitigation protocols (including sanitising and hygiene protocols, staff health screening and testing protocols, social distancing in open spaces, room capacity restrictions, laundry protocols)
- Event guidelines for hotels to manage services during the isolation period e.g., delivery of food, utensils, room servicing, etc.
- General guidelines for Event transportation (social distancing, restriction on number of passengers, driver screen, health screening and testing of drivers, use of air conditioning, cleaning protocols, etc)
- Guidelines for local travel (restrictions on use of public transport?)

### 8. QUARANTINE, TESTING & RESULTS PROTOCOLS

- Quarantine and testing program for all participants on arrival
- Testing protocols for the Event and who is the responsible individual (PCR/Lateral Flow/Antigen)
- Consider testing requirements for participants return to home country
- Timeline for sample analysis and results (record Lab details)
- Protocol for positive or adverse Covid19 result. Who receives the result, who notifies the individual and how is the information shared confidentially to the relevant parties (insert flow chart)
- Quarantine for positive case (in hotel / government facility, number of days, retesting)
- Consider protocol for medical support of a positive case (and hospitalisation if required)
- Refer to details in the Medical Plan.
- Protocols for contact tracing, isolation and testing of close contacts in case of a positive result
- Protocols for reporting of symptoms and testing of symptomatic participants

## 9. VENUE OPERATION PLANS & PLAYING CONDITIONS

### 9.1 Practice day protocols

- Dressing room protocols (no showers)
- Handling of equipment (cricket balls, water bottles, towels, sunscreen, other equipment)
- Protocols around the use of Net Bowlers
- Catering protocols

### 9.2 Match day protocols

- Access to the PMOA restrictions
- Toss
- Protocols for dressing rooms, viewing area, dugouts and field of play,
- Protocols for Media and post-match interviews
- Medical / Physio room protocols
- Handling of equipment (cricket balls, water bottles, towels, sunscreen, other equipment)

### 9.3 General Venue Protocols

- Spectators or behind closed doors model?
- Pre event screening of spectators and medical protocols (vaccination/possession of negative PCR/ Lateral Flow Test upon entry)
- Signage
- Match day announcements on spectator protocols and public health messaging
- Cleaning & sanitisation protocols
- Protocols for Spectators and stakeholders (social distancing, PPE, etc)
- Catering protocols
- Disciplinary breach of protocols

## 10. ACCREDITATION AND ZONING

- Creation of different zones for venues (practice, match days and hotels) and identify participants zones
- Zone specific risk mitigation (zoning and capacity restrictions Health passport (linked to accreditation and access to venue)
- Protocols for temporary access to other zones

- Use of electronic track and trace technology for contact tracing

## 11. PROTOCOLS FOR ENTERING, RE-ENTERING, AND TRANSFERRING BETWEEN BIO-BUBBLES

- Bridging teams between bubbles
- Protocol for entering a bio secure environment (Covid testing, quarantine, vaccine, country of origin, etc)
- Protocols for re-entering the bubble in case of a breach, hospital visits, family emergency
- Protocols for day access to the bubble
- Disciplinary processes and sanctions for breach of protocols (Team disciplinary action / ICC Code of Conduct)
- for

## 12. MEDICAL PLAN

- Link to medical plan
- Anti-Doping sample collection protocols

## 13. GENERAL COVID-19 MEASURES

- Areas covered e.g., hotels, training, transport, etc
- Risk mitigation principles (screening, testing, hygiene, health monitoring, surveillance, identification, isolation, contact tracing)
- Education
- Health passport
- Hand hygiene
- Social distancing
- PPE
- Isolation areas
- Protocols for reporting f symptoms (who to report to and next steps)
- Protocols for ad hoc meetings
- Protocols for participants (Teams, Support Staff, Match Officials, Event staff, Commentators, Broadcast crew, security, caterers, drivers, net bowlers, medical, etc)
- Health passport (daily symptom and temperature check)
- Protocols for suspected or confirmed breach of bio bubble
- Delivery protocols to hotels (food, etc)

## 14. CONTINGENCY PLANS

- Protocols for managing suspect or positive cases (isolation, treatment, contact tracing, re-entry into bubble)
- Protocols to manage rise in cases in host country
- Protocols to deal with multiple positive cases within a team / Match officials
- Protocols to deal with Covid outbreak in the outer bubble



No.	PLANNING CHECKLIST	
1.	<b>Oversight steering Committee</b> – Form an oversight steering committee with the right expertise to develop and implement the COVID-19 risk reduction tournament plan and submit for government approval.	
2.	<b>Government regulation</b> – Seek permission and guidance to commence the domestic season, host an international series or domestic tournament	
3.	<b>Government Plan</b> – Consider drafting a plan for the safe hosting of an international series, domestic tournament or for the start of the domestic season. The plan should comply with government regulation. Refer to Appendix A of this document	
4.	<b>Education and Awareness</b> – General COVID-19 information, COVID information specific to host country/cities, risk mitigation strategies, testing regime and COVID-19 protocols	
5.	<b>Risk Assessment</b> – Evaluate the level of risk taking into consideration the status of COVID in the host country/cities, the prevalence in countries/cities where teams are travelling from, the number of venues being used and the possibility of having spectators attend. Consider the extent of the vaccination roll out within teams and the general population of the host nation.	
6.	<b>Risk Mitigation</b> – Consider the different risk mitigation strategies that should be implemented to ensure the safety of participants. Consider the basic and more specific measures recommended in the body of the document.	
7.	<b>COVID-19 Budget</b> – Account for the cost of implementing the appropriate mitigation strategies and ensure it is factored into the event budget as a COVID-premium.	
8.	<b>Medical &amp; Operations</b> – Engage the Member Board Chief Medical Officer or a Medical advisor to work with Security or Operations to plan and implement the bio secure bubble.	
9.	<b>Safe environment</b> – A risk assessment of training and match venues must be carried out to ensure the necessary precautions are taken to minimize risks to participants and ensure a safe tournament/series/season.	
10.	<b>Vulnerable groups</b> – Consider health screening of participants to determine who is at a higher risk of illness due to COVID-19 and encourage vulnerable individuals to be vaccinated.	
11.	<b>On and off field protocols</b> – Draft protocols for on and off-field behaviour including sharing of equipment, management of ball, use of communal facilities, (changing rooms), celebrations, social distancing etc.	
12.	<b>Travel</b> – Consider the necessary precautions regarding travel (international, interstate and local) and provide guidance to participants.	
13.	<b>Accommodation</b> – Consider protocols at the hotels for use of hotel facilities and interacting with hotel staff	
14.	<b>Zones</b> – To minimise the possibility of infection across participants, venues can be segregated into zones based on participant groups and functional areas.	
15.	<b>Contingency Plan</b> – Consider protocols for dealing with symptomatic and COVID-19 participants. Consider the impact on the match and/or series. Consider dealing with a sudden increase in cases in the host city/country.	
16.	<b>Quarantine/Isolation</b> – Consider quarantine requirements especially for those travelling to an event. Take into consideration state and national restrictions. Also ensure every venue has an isolation room/space available at the entry/exit points of every venue.	

17.	<b>Testing and Screening Plan</b> – Consider testing pre-travel, pre-event and during the tournament. In addition, account for testing in case of contact tracing for a positive case or in the case of a suspect COVID case and testing on departure where international travel may be required.	
18	<b>Well-being</b> – Consider providing some level of mental health or well-being support where possible or providing details of where such support may be accessed. Refer to Appendix G for more information on mental health and wellbeing.	
19	<b>Breach of Protocols</b> – In addition to considering the safety measures (i.e., isolation and PCR testing) for re-entry into the bubble post a breach of protocols, Members may consider implementing disciplinary actions for any participant that breaches the bubble.	
20	<b>Bridging</b> – In case of bio secure bubbles, Members should consider protocols for the exit and entry of bubbles for the purposes of medical treatment or in case of emergencies.	