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Good evening;

Apologies for the second email today on NSW Covid-19 restrictions. I have received further correspondence from the NSW Office of Sport including a letter from the Chief Health Officer, Dr Kerry Chant to all community sports clubs.

URGENT: UPDATE REGARDING COMMUNITY SPORT

As a result of the rising case numbers on COVID-19 in NSW, the Chief Health Officer, Dr Kerry Chant, has today advised that NSW Health will be updating the COVID-19 Safety Plan templates. The letter from Dr Chant ([click here](#)) documents key changes that will need to be implemented by community sports organisations as a matter of priority. Updated COVID-19 Safety Plan templates from the NSW Office of Sport will be available from this evening at the [link here](#).

Please note that sport and recreation organisations will be required to ***“Take all reasonable steps to minimise the number of spectators attending community sport events.”***

What do State Sporting Organisations need to do?

Community sport and recreation organisations will need to update their respective COVID-19 Safety Plans detailing actions that will be put in place to address these additional requirements.

- Ensure processes are in place to exclude participants (including spectators and officials) if they have visited Victoria in 14 days prior.

- Ensure processes are in place to exclude participants (including spectators and officials) if they have attended any of the reported case locations listed on the NSW Health website
- Physical distancing of 1.5m must be kept at all times when not taking part in training or racing.
- Record keeping (Contact tracing) must be kept, ideally in a digital form to allow it to be easily accessed if required.
- Where possible, it is requested that all community sports clubs and associations put plans in place to minimise spectators to parents and carers only.
 - Measures that may assist implementation include:
 - Limiting entry to indoor facilities and fenced venues to one person per participant at junior sport (where practical);
 - Restricting spectator entry at adult community sport;
 - Provide communication to participant databases via e-newsletters, social media and organisations' websites strongly suggesting that only parents and carers should attend community sports activities where possible;
 - Increase signage in venue carparks and at common entry points at outdoor venues;
 - Make PA announcements (where the facility exists) at venues reminding people to minimise spectators to parents and carers where possible.

Please communicate this information with your club members, sailing crews and facility users as a matter of urgency.

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Please remain vigilant. We all have a part to play in protecting ourselves and those with whom we interact.

NSW Health continues to monitor the situation. The Office of Sport and Australian Sailing will communicate any future changes to COVID-19 Safety Plans or Public Health Orders that impact community sport.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep community sport COVID-19 safe.

Should you have any questions or need support in this area please do not hesitate to contact me at any stage on my mobile [0415.707.305](tel:0415707305)

Many thanks

Carl



Health

Dear Community Sport Organisations

I am writing to advise you we will be updating the COVID-19 Safety Plan for community sport organisations in response to rising case numbers in NSW and the ongoing risk of transmission in the community. I am requesting the cooperation of community sport organisations to help decrease the number of people gathering at these events.

In addition to the current requirements of the COVID-19 Safety Plan for community sports (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/industry-guidelines/sports-recreation-and-gyms>), could you please ensure the following additional steps are promptly incorporated into your Safety Plan;

- Ensure processes are in place to exclude participants (including spectators and officials) if they have visited Victoria in the 14 days prior.
- Ensure processes are in place to exclude participants (including spectators and officials) if they have attended any of the reported case locations listed on the NSW Health website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>).
- Take all reasonable steps to minimise the number of spectators attending community sport events.
- If sufficient numbers to field teams cannot be achieved, prioritise delaying the event rather than substituting with people from other teams or from the community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community sport organisations for all the work done to date to carefully develop and implement their COVID-19 Safety Plans. These events are so important to the health and cohesion of communities, and so it is imperative that we take these additional steps to protect them at this time. I trust I can rely on your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Kerry Chant".

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