



23rd August 2020

Dear Downs Rugby Community,

Yesterday morning, you would be aware of announcements from The Premier and Queensland Health regarding new positive COVID-19 cases in Queensland and advice from the Chief Health Officer regarding community transmission.

Whilst there are [a number of new restrictions on gatherings in South East Queensland](#) (**only to Lockyer Valley Regional Council Area and not in the 'Active' Downs Rugby Area**) that have come into effect immediately yesterday, the Chief Health Officer has advised that at this stage, Community Sport can continue as long as COVID-Safe Plans are in place **and adhered to**.

Last Friday, the Return to Play Advisory Group (comprised of experts and representation across sport, recreation and fitness sectors and Queensland Health) met again to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on sport and recreation in Queensland and to discuss the important role we as a sport and recreation community must play in keeping Queenslanders safe and healthy during this time.

I reiterate that in accordance with health advice, **any person who has visited affected locations identified by Queensland Health's contact tracing information page should not attend organised sport**, active recreation or fitness activities **until further information on the situation comes to hand**.

As mentioned above, it is very important to remember that under Stage 3 of the easing of restrictions, sport, active recreation and fitness activities and events must comply with an approved [Industry COVID-Safe Plans](#). **Downs Rugby and our affiliated Clubs are currently adhering to Version 5 of the Field Sports Industry Plan, Approved 23 July 2020:** https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0027/129924/Industry-COVID-Safe-Plan-Field-Sports.pdf

Approved Industry Plans restrict access to anyone who has:

- COVID-19 or has been in direct contact with a known case of Covid-19 within the last 14 days
- Flu-like symptoms or who is a high health risk (e.g. due to age or pre-existing conditions)
- Travelled internationally; or Travelled to a **COVID declared hotspot**.

We will keep you informed with up to date information and in the meantime, should you have any have queries or concerns on the above please contact the COVID Hotline on (07) 3330 6166 or COVID email SR_Covid19@npsr.qld.gov.au (Queensland Department of Sport and Recreation).

Please enjoy the Rugby season, fingers crossed we can get through. Please call me on 0431 124 236 or e-mail: matthew.hammond@downsrugby.com.au with any queries. Please distribute accordingly.

Yours in Rugby,

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