



29th March 2021

Dear Downs Rugby Community,

As you may be aware the Greater Brisbane area will be going into a 3 day lock down as of 5pm today (Monday 29th March 2021) – these areas include:

- Ipswich
- Redlands
- Moreton Bay
- Logan
- Brisbane Council areas

This **does not** include the Downs Rugby LGA's (Local Government Areas) which is great but still stay safe.

Community Sport is still to adhere to Version 9 of the Industry COVID Safe Plan, released 2 December 2020 and is available here: https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/134723/covid-safe-industry-plan-field-sports.pdf?nocache-v5

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).

Contact Tracing

As seen with the recent lockdowns in Brisbane, contact tracing is still the most valuable tool for the QLD Health to track and contain and potential outbreaks.

Contact tracing is to be done digitally with the [Downs Attendance Register](#) or other digital means. If requested by Darling Downs Health, a Contact Tracing Register is required within 1 hour.

If using the Downs Attendance Register, please use this signage (laminated) and place in multiple high volume areas at your Clubhouse/Canteen/Field(s):

https://www.downsrugby.com.au/_literature_255360/QR_Code_Sign_-_Downs_Attendance_Register



Santisation and Hygiene

All sanitising and hygiene requirements that were in effect in 2020 are still required for all rugby activity at this time. This includes items such as:

- Sanitisation stations for participants
- Sanitisation of equipment (before, during and after sessions)
- No sharing of personal equipment
- No sharing of drink bottles
- Consider separation of attendees into zones as appropriate and to limit co-mingling where possible

Signage/Communication

As you and your clubs would have had in place last year, it is still important to have a COVID Safe Manager/Coordinator that is ultimately responsible for coordinating a club's COVID plan.

This person should ensure that as part of their club's COVID plan, there are communicating with all user groups within the club as to their responsibilities when attend any rugby activity run by the club, prior to their attendance.

Please prominently display the laminated Downs Rugby Statement of Compliance, [available here](#).

Last but not least, ensure all players, coaches, managers, volunteers/social members are registered for 2021 on Rugby Xplorer: <https://myaccount.rugbyexplorer.com.au/>

Please enjoy the Rugby season safely. Please call me on 0431 124 236 or e-mail: matthew.hammond@downsrugby.com.au with any queries. Please disseminate accordingly.

Yours in Rugby,

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