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TO: QRL South East Region Local League Managers
QRL South East Region Clubs

FROM: QRL South East Region Manager

DATE: 3rd of August 2020

RE: UPDATE QRL South East Region COVID-19 venues

This memo is to provide an update on the venues that were affected by positive COVID-19 cases within the surrounding locations and is an update to the memo sent on August 1st, 2020.

The South East Region (the region) advises that the venues that surround the locations listed on the QLD Health contact information page **can this week conduct training** whilst avoiding unnecessary gathering by controlling the number of spectators at the venues.

Additionally, any person who has visited the effected locations identified by Queensland Health's [Contact Tracing Information Page](#) should not attend organised sport, active recreation or fitness venues.

It is important to confirm at the time of distribution of this memo there has been **no positive case of COVID-19 involving any members of the South East region Rugby League Clubs.**

The affected clubs from the venue shutdown are doing everything they can to enact their COVID safe plan. The closures were based on the location of the venues listed and avoiding unnecessary gatherings at these venues.

These closures are not a reflection of the clubs' efforts to enact their COVID plan nor a reflection of any of the club's participants. **Therefore, there is no concerns for teams that come from these locations being able to travel and play at unaffected locations.**

The Qld Governments Return to Play Advisory Group advised late Friday that organisations operating within affected locations on the weekend of August 1st and 2nd consider capacity to adhere to requirements outlined within Industry plans and health advice.

This advice included avoiding unnecessary gathering and/or deferring events where appropriate (this advice is provided below).

The region consulted Rugby League Brisbane after receiving this advice and considered the number of confirmed forfeits of games scheduled in the affected locations.

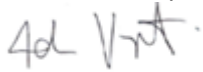
The region is currently seeking further advice from the QLD government on the affected venues ability to operate this weekend. The region expects the results of the unprecedented testing conducted across the last week to determine the locations that can operate this coming weekend.

The region reiterates that it's 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.

The Field Sports approved Industry COVID - safe plan is available [here](#) for your reference.

The region wishes to thank all clubs involved and appreciates their quick responses to the advice of venue closures. The region acknowledges the challenges this decision created and thanks the community for prioritising the health and wellbeing of the South East Rugby League community in efforts to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Yours sincerely,



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COVID-19 Important Update - Return to Play

To our sport and recreation stakeholders,

Today the Return to Play Advisory Group (comprised of experts and representation across sport, recreation and fitness sectors and Queensland Health) met to discuss the impact of positive COVID-19 cases in Queensland.

The Advisory Group collectively agreed that the following important messages should be circulated to the industry and stakeholders to ensure that we are all aware of the important role we play in keeping Queenslanders safe and healthy during this time.

In accordance with recent 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.

We also strongly encourage organisations operating within affected locations this weekend consider capacity to adhere to requirements outlined within Industry plans and health advice. For any organisations within these locations Queensland Health are continuing to provide targeted advice, including avoiding unnecessary gathering and/or deferring events where appropriate. If in doubt, please liaise with your relevant State Level Organisation regarding the impacts of this advice on planned activities this weekend.

It is also 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.](#)

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
- Travelled to a [Covid declared hotspot.](#)

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

Regards

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