

**Memo**

**TO:** NZWLA and NZLA Members

**DATE:** 16 March 2020

**RE:** Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

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Novel Coronavirus / COVID-19 has reached New Zealand and is having an increasing impact on the global community.

The NZWLA and NZLA will act in accordance with the advice and guidance from the New Zealand Government, Ministry of Health, Sport New Zealand, World Lacrosse and the World Health Organisation.

The NZWLA and NZLA have been, and will continue to, monitor information daily and will provide updates to Members as and when advice and guidelines change.

Up to date information is available through the following websites:

New Zealand Government:

<https://www.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/>

Ministry of Health:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

Sport New Zealand:

<https://sportnz.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases-and-updates/articles/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-update>

World Health Organisation:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Below is further guidance on upcoming events and high performance dates occurring in March or April. We will continue to review the situation for later months.

## **Guidance on Upcoming NZ Lacrosse Events and High Performance Dates**

### **NZL Merger Meetings (March)**

- These will no longer be face-to-face meetings. The NZL Merger Committee will organise video conferencing Zoom meetings for Members instead.

### **Australian U18 National Championships Tournament (8-13 April 2020)**

- At this stage, the tournament is still scheduled to go ahead as planned.
- The NZWLA and NZLA are communicating regularly and directly with the ALA.
- The NZWLA, NZLA and the managers of the New Zealand teams that are participating in this tournament have been and will be communicated to immediately regarding any changes.
- As soon as reasonably appropriate, updates will be communicated to players and their parents involved in those teams expected to travel and participate.

### **NZBLAX Training Camps (21-22 March 2020, 18 April 2020)**

- These will continue as planned. The NZWLA will communicate any changes to all players and staff directly and as quickly as possible.
- Players returning home from overseas will be asked to comply with the government mandated two week self-isolation policy. Inability to attend the March training weekend will not disqualify players from selection for the Maverick Cup (scheduled for July).
- To help prevent the risk of spreading or coming into contact with the virus, the NZWLA will communicate the necessary steps and procedures in accordance with the Ministry of Health advice to players and staff.

### **NZLA Men's 2020 World Championship Qualification Team Training Camp (28-29 March 2020)**

- This will continue as planned. The NZLA will communicate any changes to all players and staff directly and as quickly as possible.
- Training dates going forward will continue as planned, but will change if advised by the Ministry of Health and/or SportNZ. The NZLA will communicate any changes to all players and staff.
- Players returning home from overseas will be asked to comply with the government mandated two week self-isolation policy.
- To help prevent the risk of spreading or coming into contact with the virus, the NZLA will communicate the necessary steps and procedures in accordance with the Ministry of Health advice to players and staff.

### **Recommended Steps and Procedures**

We suggest the following steps that Members can take to contain the spread of the virus:

- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues.
- Put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately.
- Wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds).
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Stay home if you feel unwell.
- Avoid personal contact including shaking hands, high-fives or hugs. We suggest touching sticks instead.
- Don't share drink bottles, food or towels with others at training.
- Call Healthline on 0800 358 5453 if you have any symptoms and have been to any countries or territories of concern or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19.