

Infectious Disease Policy – Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Introduction.

The World Health Organisation announced that the Covid-19 pandemic is accelerating worldwide with more than 45M reported cases.

Covid-19 is a respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus (otherwise known as the Coronavirus). It is considered to be the most serious public health threat since the Spanish flu in 1918. Australia and its states and territories are rapidly introducing radical policy interventions to keep people safe, social distancing being one such critical intervention.

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Information about the Covid-19

Covid-19 is predominately spread through person-to-person contact through respiratory droplets. It is also spread through touching infected surfaces or objects, and then touching ones own face.

Symptoms of the disease include but are not limited to:

- fever
- sore throat
- cough
- runny nose
- lethargy and aching limbs
- shortness of breath

In more severe cases, estimated to affect 20% of those infected, Covid-19 can cause pneumonia, acute respiratory distress and even death.

We each have a personal responsibility to enact measures to protect ourselves and others while enjoying our racing.

Our club strategies:

Health management requirements:

- Any member who has been in contact with a person infected with Covid-19, or are feeling unwell, will self-isolate for two weeks.
- Any member who suspects they are infected with COVID-19 are to contact club executive immediately. We will immediately contact any member/s who may have been in contact with that person.
- We will observe Australia's current social distancing policy that is to remain 1.5 meters away from other individuals (apart from family members) at all times.
- We will ensure outdoor close gatherings (such as being on the drivers stand) are capped at 8 people. (Note: this number may vary as the Government interventions are updated).

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Operational requirements:

- There will be a maximum of 2 (two) persons permitted in the timing booth and the storage container at any one time.
- There is only 1 (one) person permitted to drive the water ute per day, after the days racing is completed the ute is to be sanitised, (steering wheel, gear shift, door handles etc) these can be wiped down with alcoholic wipes.

Hygiene requirements:

- All members are to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water regularly (in particular, before consuming food or drink) and if this is not possible will use a high alcohol concentrate (60%) hand sanitizer.
- All members are to cover all coughs and sneezes.
- There will be no sharing of equipment, such as tools or equipment unless it can be wiped down with alcohol wipes after use.
- Local Council, the land owner and any applicable Health department will be notified if a member or visitor comes in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- All members are advised of the COVID Safe app.

Member requirements:

- Do not arrive at the facility if you have any signs of illness, immediately seek medical advice.
- If not members of the same family, drive yourself only to the facility.
- Don't allow any other person to enter your vehicle or trailer while at the facility.
- When members are not racing or wrenching, they are advised to ensure they follow the current self-isolation requirements including following hygiene and social distancing practices.

Visitor/Spectator requirements:

- Visitors/Spectators should practise social distancing with all members.
- Inform others to do the same. No hand shaking or touching permitted.
- Do not attend our facility if you are experiencing cold/flu-like symptoms.
- Follow diligent hygiene protocols if eating or drinking.
- Adhere to any signage which documents the maximum number of visitors allowed onsite
- Sign the close contact sheet provided.

Contingency actions

If a member tests positive for COVID-19:

- We will immediately cease all operations associated with racing and call 000 if that person is in a medical crisis.
- If that person is not in a medical crisis, they will immediately self-isolate and call the Australian Government's National Coronavirus Helpline on 1800 020 080.

If a visitor/spectator that visited our club confirms that they have tested positive for Covid-19:

- We will call the Australian Government's National Coronavirus Helpline on 1800 020 080 for assistance.
- Where appropriate, we will advise all those listed on the close contact list to self-isolate for 14 days and monitor their health.

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Commitment:

Our commitment throughout this pandemic is to continue to operate our club with these new safety measures in place to ensure we are not compromising the health and safety of our members, visitors/spectators. We will make sure we keep up to date and follow the required interventions. Our measures for reducing the spread of COVID-19 will be taken seriously. We believe these measures are appropriate and necessary at this time.

If members, visitors/spectators are concerned, they can speak to any member of the executive committee.

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