

## **To our members. A message regarding Coronavirus.**

As the escalation of the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) situation continues, we want to reassure our members, coaches, technical officials and volunteers that we are closely monitoring developments and the possible impact it may have on our organisation.

As the situation evolves, we have considered the information being provided by the [Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade](#), [Swimming Australia](#), [Australian Institute of Sport](#); [Australian Government Department of Health](#) and other authorities, to make decisions in the best interests of the health and welfare of our community.

In addition to this information, we ask all members, coaches, technical officials and volunteers to follow the guidelines below in order to keep our swimming community as healthy as possible over the coming weeks and months.

We ask that you don't attend swimming events or MSA meetings if you:

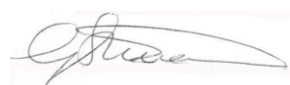
- have been in any of the declared zones in the past two weeks (check [here](#) and include high/moderate risk zones);
- have been in contact with anyone who has been travelling in those zones, or concerned you have been in contact with anyone who has Coronavirus, or;
- you have the slightest sniffle, cold or other flu-like symptoms.

Please take all precautions as much as possible to avoid the spreading of this virus and seek medical advice if you are concerned about your health and wellbeing.

In addition, we ask everyone to practice high levels of hygiene health (washing hands, sanitizer etc) which are widely considered by health experts to be key to disease prevention and management. We also ask that we avoid physical contact (shaking hands etc). We want to circumvent any situation where we can spread any virus, or one where we have significant numbers of people needing to isolate at the same time.

If you are planning to attend the National Championships April 15-19, please see [here](#) for up to date advice relating specifically to this event. At this stage, it is a 'business as usual' approach to our preparation for these Championships.

We thank everyone in advance for your support and cooperation. We will continue to provide information as it comes available.



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