



Hi Bears,

RE: BHFC COVID-19 Update

Over the past week the State Government and Chief Health Officer have confirmed 'Return to Play' rules with the Department of Sport and Recreation who have in turn provided approval to AFL Victoria on how community football will look in season 2020. Naturally, we take our advice from these authorities.

A few parents have been asking some questions on how the season will unfold so I have put together a Question and Answer document which should cover most questions you have. The details are attached with this letter.

As we have seen in the past week there have been some outbreaks in the community and whilst these are concerning we will still be taking the advice from the relevant authorities. Yesterday the Chief Health Officer was reported in The Age as follows;

Professor Sutton said students have been getting infected in family settings and then bringing the virus to school.

"As individual cases we weren't seeing transmission in schools at all, but we were seeing lots of cases because lots of kids and teenagers were getting infected."

As a club we want to ensure the health and safety of everyone, but we won't be making rash decisions, we will be guided by the experts. At this stage there is no evidence of community transmission from community sport and outdoor activities are still low risk.

Having said that, as per current protocols if there are any players or families affected by the recent school cases and they have been identified as 'close contacts' and ask to be tested, we ask that you stay away from training and the club until you are approved to return. Similarly, if any member of a family requires to be tested we ask that the family refrain from attending training or the club until a negative test result is confirmed. Everyone must play their part for the well being of all our members.

Lastly it is important that we all follow the simple guidelines of social distancing, washing hands and staying away if feeling unwell. Together we can look after our community.

Regards,

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