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Dear MWFA Players, parents and friends,

This week has seen the NSW Government release some fresh guidelines and restrictions around minimising the risk of transmission for COVID-19, designed to limit the risk of us retreating back into our houses like Victoria.

These guidelines have shut down some school activities and made references to Community sport, specifically around movement from different areas and cross-regions.

Our aim from Mid-March has been simply to do everything we can to make sure we can play football and the trust, cooperation and understanding within the MWFA football community has been fantastic (by the majority).

With that in mind, we are at a fork in the road and after a meeting with Football NSW, I can't stress enough the need to follow and understand the below points:

- ❖ The NSW Government has taken some proactive steps this week and will not hesitate to shut down any aspect of the Community – including Community Sport - if they think those people/communities/sectors are not taking social distancing seriously to make sure we do not follow Victoria back into lockdown.
- ❖ The MWFA competitions satisfy the NSW Government guidelines released this week around minimising travel and cross-regional/zone travel because;
 - Football NSW has more than 8 regions (Associations - MWFA)
 - Provided we stick to our defined Association boundary, we are allowed to play across different Council boundaries (Northern Beaches Council and Mosman Council areas)
- ❖ We need to take our responsibility around social distancing **MORE** seriously and take special note of the following five points:
 1. Take all reasonable steps to limit people attending junior games to one parent/carer
 2. Take all reasonable steps to ensure that there are no spectators at senior games. This is of particular concern to the NSW Government with our senior men's competitions. *Our ability for all players to be able to play football this season could be jeopardised by the number of spectators (including players from within your club not playing) who show up to watch and support your Premier League, AL1 or U18 teams*
 3. If you are feeling sick or have any symptoms of illness you are not to attend games or training
 4. Players and officials who have visited Victoria are not permitted to play, train or attend matches for 14 days after leaving Victoria, and should be encouraged to get tested for COVID-19
 5. Players and officials (including spectators) who have attended any of the reported case locations listed on the NSW Health website (<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/latest-news-and-updates>) are not permitted to play, train or attend matches for 14 days, and should be encouraged to get tested for COVID-19



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Unfortunately, if we want to keep playing, the focus needs to be on playing the game – not watching!

There are no other changes to how we play and conduct the matches, but please remember the following

- Wash and/or sanitize hands before and after attending all training and games.
- Players arrive dressed and ready to train or play
- Do not use changerooms
- Players and parents must comply with the 1.5m social distancing rule (except for players during games)
- Do not shake hands, high five or hug other players, officials, team officials or parents
- Do not share drink bottles
- Parents must comply with the 1.5m social distancing rule at all times unless from the same household
- Avoid bringing anyone who is elderly or may be at high or increased risk of illness
- Do not attend if you have flu like symptoms or are feeling unwell
- All participants and parents must cover their coughs and sneezes
- Players and parents must not socialize or assemble in groups before, during or after training or games
- Once training and games are finished depart the venue as soon as possible
- Get tested for COVID-19 if you develop flu like symptoms

Thanks again for your understanding and support

Regards
David Mason
MWFA CEO