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## MEMORANDUM

<b>To:</b>	South Metro Junior Football League (SMJFL) Club Presidents
<b>From:</b>	SMJFL Chief Executive Officer Sarah Loh
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 27 May 2021
<b>Re:</b>	Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) - League Updates for all Clubs

The league can now update Club Presidents following the latest [announcement](#) from the Victorian Acting Premier this morning.

State health officials today announced the state of Victoria will go into a seven-day lockdown as of 11:59pm tonight, Thursday 27 May, until further notice.

There will now only be five reasons to leave your home as of 11:59pm tonight, Thursday 27 May:

1. Shopping for food and supplies – limited to one person per day, per household;
2. Authorized work or permitted education;
3. Exercise – 2 hour limit;
4. Care and caregiving; and
5. To get vaccinated if [eligible](#).

Exercise and shopping will also be limited to five kilometres from home as of 11:59pm tonight, unless there are no shops in your 5km radius.

Face masks will also be mandatory to wear both inside and outdoors.

### **What this means for the SMJFL:**

In compliance with the Victorian Government's directions and AFL Victoria advice, the league will as of now:

1. Suspend all training, for clubs, umpires and all other league programs, to be effective immediately, until further notice; and
2. Suspend all matches and social gathering events, to be effective immediately, until further notice.
3. Round 7 of the SMJFL season, Sunday 30 May, will serve as a bye round.

The league's main priority remains the health and wellbeing of all players, coaches, umpires and volunteers of the league.

A compulsory President's meeting via Zoom will be held tonight, Thursday 27 May 2021 from 7pm for half an hour to update Presidents regarding upcoming rounds and answer any questions. Zoom link and invites will be sent to all Presidents today.



### **Acting Premier's Announcement:**

The Acting Premier has stated that all the active cases in the state are linked at this stage. However, the strain currently present in community transmission has been identified as a highly infectious strain, and several new exposure sites have also been added to the Department of Health's notices, including [exposure sites](#) in Prahran, Port Melbourne and Mordialloc. The Acting Premier also stated there are now additional sites identified as exposure sites, which will be updated on the DHHS website throughout the day.

We ask that clubs implore their members to review these exposure sites, their exposure windows, exposure Tiers and indicated necessary action in efforts to keep the community safe.

With exposure sites now present in our catchment area, this reiterates the importance to take caution and adhere to COVID-Safe protocols.

If you have been knowingly exposed to the virus or have been to the known exposure sites, continue to follow [public health advice and COVID-Safe hygiene practices](#).

The league will continue to monitor the circumstances and communicate directly with clubs surrounding exposure sites, public health advice and rulings by the AFL.

The league remains optimistic and prepared for all possible outcomes.

We hope that you all stay safe and well during this time.

Please direct any queries regarding this update to SMJFL Chief Executive Officer Sarah Loh.