



Coronavirus Policy

Overview and Purpose

The NSW Education Department and Schools are continuing to closely monitor any outbreaks of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (COVID-19) first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that can cause illnesses from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV).

Risk

Currently in Australia, people most at risk of contracting the virus are people who have:

- been in a high-risk country or region recently, or
- been in close contact with someone who is a confirmed case of coronavirus

To comply with the best practice Risk Assessment, AICES will identify hazards at the venues used and the associated risks and do what is reasonably practicable to eliminate those risks.

How COVID-19 Spreads

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- Can someone spread the virus without being sick?
- People are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic (the sickest).
- Some spread might be possible before people show symptoms

Depending on the venue, an appropriate range of actions by AICES may include:

- Monitoring official Government sources for current information and advice for outbreaks in the area of the event
- Providing clear advice to Staff, Students and Officials about actions they should take if they become unwell or think they may have the symptoms of coronavirus, in accordance with advice from the Australian Government Department of Health and state or territory health department
- Confirming with Coaches and Managers that no one from their team has been in contact with another person who has been infected

Staff, Students and Officials Responsibilities

Staff and Students participating at an AICES events should also have a duty to take reasonable care for their own health and safety and to not adversely affect the health and safety of others. Staff, Students and Officials should be reminded to always practice good hygiene and other measures to protect themselves and other against infection. This includes:

- Washing their hands often, with soap and water, or carrying hand sanitiser and using it as needed
- Not shaking hands before or after games
- Not sharing Water Bottles or the like with other players
- Covering their mouth when coughing or sneezing, but not using their hands to do so
- If a Staff, Student or Official has a heavy cold, a sore throat, a cough, has flu-like symptoms or is running a fever you should notify an official immediately then self-isolate to await further instructions.
- Seeing a health care professional if they start to feel unwell
- If unwell, avoiding contact with others (including shaking hands or other touching, such as hugging).

Teams will be supplied with a copy of this document and must inform their players and officials of the content.

Hand Sanitiser and or Antibacterial Wipes are available at the AICES Recording desk.