

TO: Region & Centre Secretaries
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SUBJECT: Office closing dates, COVID updates, registrations, post-Christmas fees, Good Friday Appeal

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Office closing dates

The LAVic office will be closed for the holiday period at the following times:

- Thursday 16th December, 11am to 5pm.
- Friday 17th December, from 5pm, and re-opening at 9am Monday 10th January.

The LAVic team wishes everyone a safe and happy Christmas & New Year holiday break!

NSW COVID update – NSW Centres only

The NSW Government has updated its COVID-19 advice for community sport, effective 15th December:

- People are no longer required to be fully vaccinated or carry vaccination evidence.
- COVID-19 Safe Check-in is only required at gyms.
- Face masks are not required.
- Density limits no longer apply.
- COVID Safety Plans are no longer required.

COVID-19 exposures at Victorian Centres

To date, 25 Centres have reported a COVID-19 exposure. All of these have responded quickly and responsibly, with remarkably little significant disruption. The State Government's procedure for responding to a COVID-19 exposure is evolving weekly and Centres are advised to click [HERE](#) to access the latest advice.

The current procedure is as follows:

Immediately

1. Direct the attendee to return home and isolate immediately (if they are on site), even if they don't have symptoms.

Within 24 hours

2. Ring the Department of Health 1300 651 160 to report COVID-19 positive attendee and request to be advised of steps to take.
3. If required to identify Centre contacts:
 - a) Use the [Contact assessment and management guide](#) for assistance.
 - b) Contact the Centre contacts and inform them they are required to get a standard (PCR) test at a [testing centre](#) within 24 hours.
 - c) See evidence of each contact's negative test result before they return to the Centre. You must keep records of the contacts and their test results.
 - d) Recommend the Centre contact uses [rapid antigen self-tests](#) in the days following their negative PCR result, particularly before entering sensitive settings. These tests are available free for Centre contacts at testing centres.
4. Notify the Department of Health or Local Public Health Unit if **5 or more** Centre attendees are diagnosed with COVID-19 within 7 days. Email the Department of Health at covidemployernotifications@dhhs.vic.gov.au.
5. Notify [WorkSafe](#) only in the event of an adult infection.
6. Notify LAVic (office@lavic.com.au; 03 9960 8600).
7. Notify the venue manager.
8. In some situations, such as if there is an outbreak, the Department of Health or a Local Public Health Unit may contact the Centre to provide special advice required to be followed.

Registrations update

In recent days, LAVic affiliated Centres registered their 14,000th member. This is a remarkable achievement, given the pandemic disruption caused to the sport over the past 20 months, and an absolute credit to the commitment and dedication of our Centre committees.

- 34 Centres have exceeded their 20/21 memberships already.
- Western Metro Region Centre's collective membership is sitting at 114% of 20/21 levels – the highest of all Regions.
- Over 6400 Trial Athlete registrations have been received with many Centres reporting high rates of conversion to full membership.

Post Christmas fee reductions

Centres wishing to reduce their membership fees post-Christmas can complete and submit the fee template by 3rd January. Click [HERE](#) to access the template.

Good Friday Appeal (GFA) communications

2022 marks 50 years of partnership between LAVic and the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Centres can expect to see communications from LAVic in January outlining fundraising options, dates and other details around how to maximise our collective support for this worthwhile cause.

The LAVic team.