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Victoria

TO: Region & Centre Secretaries
FROM: Anthony McIntosh – CEO
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SUBJECT: Vaccination settings, COVID exposures, Coles bananas; Taylah Perry; email outage

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Vaccination settings

LAVic has received updated advice from the State Government clarifying community sport's exceptions from mandatory vaccination requirements, patron limits and density quotients.

For non-community sport activities that are not competition or training, mandatory vaccination requirements, patron limits and density quotients do apply.

People attending the Centre in person for reasons other than training or competition that are 16 years and over must be fully vaccinated unless a [valid medical exemption applies](#). This has relevance for official Little Athletics activities undertaken at the Centre, such as:

- Committee meetings (in person)
- Working bees
- Social events and activities
- Fundraising activities
- Presentation days (to be advised).

LAVic's COVID-19 protocols (Victoria) will be updated to reflect this.

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COVID exposures at Centres

A small number of Centres have experienced COVID-19 exposures in recent days. All Centres acted quickly in advising the Department of Health (DoH) and WorkSafe immediately. Barring the cancellation of a training session or competition day, all have quickly been given approval from DoH to continue their Little Athletics activities. All instances were related to local school outbreaks.

As per the protocols, please advise the **DoH**, **LAVic** and the **venue manager** in the event of an COVID-19 exposure at your Centre.

Following are the instructions from the DoH's '[Confirmed case in the workplace](#)'. Note, these are not purpose drafted for the needs of community sport (or Little Athletics), but in the absence of such, Sport & Recreation Victoria recommend we follow these steps:

Immediately

1. Direct the worker to return home and isolate immediately, whether or not they have symptoms. Once home, the worker must wait for further instructions from the Victorian Department of Health.
2. Notify the department by completing the [Employer COVID-19 notification form](#) and emailing covidemployernotifications@dhhs.vic.gov.au. If the Department of Health has not contacted you within 24 hours of notification please call [1300 651 160](tel:1300651160).
3. Notify your workers, suppliers and customers that there is a confirmed positive case.
4. Notify [WorkSafe](#) and other relevant industry bodies.

Within 48 hours

1. Complete the [Workplace risk assessment](#)
2. Use the Contact assessment and management guidance (PDF) to identify close contacts and complete the close contact spreadsheet
 - [Contact assessment and management guidance: Workplaces, business and industry](#)
 - [COVID-19 close contacts spreadsheet for Victorians](#)
3. Your immediate action assists the Department of Health with contact tracing. Submit the Workplace risk assessment and Close contact spreadsheet by emailing covidemployernotifications@dhhs.vic.gov.au
 - [Workplace risk assessment](#)
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4. Notify identified close contacts - ask them to quarantine and watch for symptoms. The Department of Health will also contact close contacts to explain what they need to do, offer assistance, and offer support to them for their quarantine period.
5. Deep clean the workplace or areas identified in the Workplace risk assessment. See [Cleaning and disinfecting to reduce COVID-19 transmission in the workplace](#)

If you need help with any of these steps, please call The Department of Health on [1300 651 160](tel:1300651160).

Coles bananas

See the following note from Coles regarding Centre bananas:

With the first half of the Little Athletics season impacted by COVID-19 restrictions in NSW, ACT and VIC, Coles will not be running our usual banana donations program in these states for the remainder of 2021.

We understand that at different stages over the next few months restrictions will hopefully ease, however due to Little Athletics centres and our stores having additional priorities we have decided to pause donations until 2022.

We ask that you hold off contacting your store manager about banana donations until new dates have been set.

We are planning for donations to begin as usual when your programs start back early in the new year and will provide more information as we get closer to this date.

Centres that typically receive an ambient pack in lieu of bananas due to their location should have received theirs in late October to hand out when their programs began.

Taylah Perry moving on

LAVic's Membership, Merchandise and Programs Co-ordinator, Taylah Perry has announced her resignation after 4.5 years in the role. Taylah has maintained an unbroken relationship with Victorian athletics since her days as a Little Athlete with the Ringwood LAC.

While sad to see her go, it's exciting to see Taylah take up the role of Executive Officer for the Victorian Athletic League, and be based a mere 10m down the hallway at Athletics House!

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It's a wonderful professional opportunity for Taylah. We thank Taylah for her enormous contribution to LAVic and wish her all the best in her new role. Taylah's last day will be Friday 10th December.

LAVic will be advertising for Taylah's replacement in coming days on www.sportspeople.com.au.

Email outage

The LAVic teams acknowledges the huge inconvenience experienced by Centres & Regions by the recent LAVic email outage of the past week.

While most email addresses have been restored functionally, email history, contacts, and other features have in some cases been slow to be fully re-established. LAVic's IT support provider, ITMate have been working around the clock since the fault became apparent to restore the service.

As part of the fix, LAVic was advised to migrate all of its email data over to Office 365 cloud-based service. This has brought forward the project originally earmarked for the 22/23 financial year. We expect significant improvements in reliability and functionality as a result.

Notwithstanding, the full and complete restoration is still in progress and is taking longer than all would have hoped.

ITMate encourage any outstanding email-related matters to be directed to its helpdesk in the first instance: phone (03) 9773 8133, or email help@it-mate.com.au

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