

MEMORANDUM

To: Volleyball Community
From: Volleyball New Zealand Board and Chief Executive
Date: March 5, 2020
Re: COVID-19 Coronavirus

VOLLEYBALL NEW ZEALAND ANNOUNCEMENT

Volleyball New Zealand on behalf of the Board and Chief Executive issue the following advice in response to the spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus.

The safety of our members, spectators and staff is paramount during the relative unknown period of coronavirus. We continue to monitor the situation daily and will alter decisions as the need arises.

Event Organisation

At this stage, the Ministry of Health does not propose altering arrangements for public events including New Secondary Schools in Palmerston North, March 30 – April 3.

However please note, VNZ will be strictly enforcing the following regulations:

Do not attend any events if you are feeling unwell

Do not attend if you have been in mainland China, Iran, Northern Italy or the Republic of Korea in the past 14 days.

Volleyball New Zealand supports the following to minimize the risk of getting sick at an event.

Ensure good hygiene is practiced. Wash hands regularly particularly before handling food, after using the toilet and and try not to touch your face. Volleyball NZ will provide hand sanitizer at all of its events but encourages individual self responsibility. Other protections have been put in place and advised to Schools and Associations.

Before deciding to proceed with, restrict, modify, postpone or cancel any events, VNZ will complete a thorough risk assessment including:

- the latest local, national and international advice on COVID-19
- whether people attending the event may have been exposed to, or infected with, COVID-19 and what risk this might pose to others
- the characteristics of the event and whether they might increase the risk and/or spread of COVID-19
- what measures we can put in place to help reduce the spread of any disease.

Overseas Travel

Volleyball New Zealand will take a case by case basis view on all teams travelling overseas depending on Safe Travel New Zealand advice, insurance cover and the protocols in place for the event. All teams will be advised at the earliest possibility if there are changes to their international tour.

Volleyball New Zealand would like to confirm that at this time there are no games or events being cancelled as a result of coronavirus unless we are instructed to do so by the Government or School Sport NZ.

The situation and our response to it is changing all the time. We continue to monitor official information from the World Health Organisation and Ministry of Health along with Safe Travel New Zealand.

