



COVID

Fellow Paddlers

This correspondence is to advise all Association Members that COVID has reached our community. In the preceding weeks we have been advised of Paddlers attending training or competitions, only to realise during or after the event that they are potential 'Close Contacts'. DBSA reviewed these situations and determined the appropriate strategy including actions and communications in line with SA Health Guidelines with any/all affected Paddlers.

Notification has been received that a number of Paddlers have tested positive for COVID. These Paddlers have attended training sessions and one was present on Sunday at the Scullers Regatta. The Paddler at the Regatta also assisted with the logistical movements to return the boats into the shed at Aquatic and also with movements to the Sailing Club.

Masks were worn whilst entering the shed at Aquatic in line with the current COVID Safe Plan and DBSA DRAGON BOATING AND COVID PRINCIPLES.

Individual Member Clubs have arranged contact with any/all affected Paddlers. Further, any other identified affected Paddlers have been advised.

This is a timely reminder that there is the potential for our events, be it training or regattas, to become spreader events.

It was great to see Paddlers at Scullers, Aquatic and the Sailing Club abiding by the control measures outlined within the DRAGON BOATING AND COVID PRINCIPLES distributed to our Association on 14 January 2022.

All Paddlers must consider their own personal circumstances with regards to their continued participation in training or competing.

DBSA continue to follow guidelines and protocols outlined by SA Health, information can be found at the following website:

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/conditions/infectious+diseases/covid-19/testing+and+tracing/close+contacts>

Ensure you look after yourselves and those around you, seek assistance if you feel you need it, we are all in this together, hopefully we can work through this with minimal impact.

Take care

SIGNED 18/01/2022

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