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Dear partners,

As the Government activates its emergency response plan to COVID-19, ASADA continues to operate across all its business units with the health and safety of our staff and athletes our number one priority. We are taking additional steps to ensure the safety of athletes and staff across all operations including conducting extensive risk assessments to guide our response and adapt our programs where necessary. We are guided by advice from the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Department of Health.

#### What we are doing

Our testing program is continuing, and athletes can still be tested anywhere, anytime. We are completing additional risk assessments and have built in added flexibility to our program to take into account the rapidly changing environment.

ASADA has implementing additional measures which include:

- ensuring all our testing staff have completed a welfare declaration before testing that they are not displaying any symptoms, and do not meet any criteria for self-isolation, or close contact with a COVID-19 case.
- additional hygiene and protective measures during the testing process
- encouraging testing staff and athletes to maintain a distance of 1.5m during the testing process

#### How we can work together

We understand that many sports are amending their operations in response to COVID-19.

Please ensure that ASADA is informed of any measures that may be relevant to ASADA's testing program, such as:

- Changes to regular training schedules/activities
- Cancellation of events
- New COVID-19 protocols that are being implemented within the sport (e.g. requirement for gloves, masks etc.)

Additionally, we would appreciate if you could inform us if you become aware of:

- Any RTP or DTP athlete who is currently, or has recently been in self-isolation, due to meeting the Department of Health criteria for self-isolation; and
- Any athlete or support personnel that returns a positive test for COVID-19.

ASADA is seeking this information to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure to our testing staff, and in turn, other athletes. Please note we are not requesting any confidential medical information but appreciate any information you can provide so that we can continue to ensure the safety of your athletes and our staff.

Please send any information through to [national.testing@asada.gov.au](mailto:national.testing@asada.gov.au)

We will be communicating directly with all ASADA RTP and DTP athletes to request their assistance in providing us with important information about their situation.

We will continue to keep you updated as the situation evolves. I've attached a copy of ASADA CEO message which has been posted to our website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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