

# NOTICE TO MEMBERS



Dear Member,

Re: COVID-19

I am writing to you to request your continued assistance in dealing with and mitigating the risks of potential infection arising from the COVID 19 outbreak.

The past few weeks have been trying times for all of us, and with the rapidly developing situation it is proving challenging to achieve an optimal balance to manage the Club when taking into account all the various factors that we face.

The basic position of the Club has been to remain open and maintain as much of the services as possible, whilst adhering to all Government guidelines and recommendations. Underlying this is the safety and well being of all members and their guests as well as our management and staff.

A number of communications have been sent in the past week or so and this is mostly due to the evolving situation and especially the sudden increase this past week in cases in Hong Kong, seemingly arising from numerous "imported cases".

Accordingly for the sake of clarity I wanted to write to you to try and explain our position.

Our request from Monday 16th of March was and remains that anybody who has returned from an overseas trip should act responsibly and voluntarily stay away from the Club for at least 14 days from the date of their return.

This request should extend to all people with whom you have been in close contact, which includes by definition your family members and also (for example) where an overseas visitor was to come and stay with your family.

Under our initial request, as an example if you arrived on 13th March then you should not come into the Club until 27th March, however if (say) you came into the Club on 15th March before the HK Government mandatory restrictions were announced then so be it..... you have done nothing wrong and it is "water under the bridge", but it does not give you an accrued right now that the government restrictions policy has been announced and so we hope you will now wait until 27 March before you enter the Club again.

As everyone is aware our strong request on this issue has now been somewhat superseded by the Government's announcement that with effect from Thursday 19th March, all arrivals from overseas must self quarantine for a period of 14 days, which is being monitored by

the HK Government, but then this can also have an effect on any immediate family members, who we hope will also refrain from using the Club.

This measure is we believe prudent and reasonable in order to ensure that we reduce as far as possible any risk of infection being passed onto other users of the Club.

The watchwords here are reasonableness and common sense, and we are relying on the goodwill, willingness and responsibility of our members to uphold the highest standards, and to take into account the needs and views of other Members .

I must emphasise that the Club itself is not in a position to "police" this matter and would prefer not to be heavy handed, but in the current special circumstances we must be vigilant to protect the safety of all members.

I do hope that you can understand the situation that the Club is facing and assist to reduce all potential risks.

Michael Wood  
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Hong Kong Football Club