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## Scottish Rugby Clubs & Schools Communications

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### Dunbar RFC

In this latest edition of Club Communications, you'll find information on the return to rugby, coronavirus restrictions fund, and the new training and education pathway as well as an update on Player Development Hubs.



## Return to Rugby Update

The Scottish Government announced that the temporary measures within specific NHS Health Board areas will be **extended until 6am on Monday 2 November**. As a consequence, the temporary Return to Rugby guidance for the central belt and nationwide areas have been extended.

Please find the updated guidance documents below which relate to specific NHS Health Board areas [here](#).

Today, the First Minister set out plans for the publication of a new Strategic Framework on for control of the virus based on a 'levels' approach.

Scottish Rugby will update clubs and schools on the impact this document may have on Return to Rugby guidance when more information becomes available.

[Return to Rugby Update](#)

# Coronavirus Restrictions Fund

The Scottish Government has **announced £40 million** in funding for businesses and employees in Scotland affected by the temporary coronavirus (COVID-19) brake restrictions that came into effect from 9 October 2020.

The support funds will be administered by local authorities, providing one-off grants to hospitality and other businesses required to close by the brake restrictions regulations. The business closure fund will operate as a two-tiered scheme, with a smaller grant of £2,000 for businesses with a Rateable Value (RV) of up to and including £51,000 and a larger grant of £3,000 for businesses with a RV of £51,001 or above, up to a maximum of £15,000 in total for any eligible business operating multiple premises.

Local authority websites opened for applications at 9am on Tuesday 20 October and will close on Tuesday 3 November at 5pm. Local authorities will aim to make as many decisions as possible during the brake period, while the restrictions are still in place. Payments will be made within three working days of notifying you of their decision.

More information on the fund can be found using the link below.

**More information on  
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Presented by:  
**Mike Adamson  
& Holle Davidson**

## Player Welfare

Scottish Rugby has a number of Player Welfare policies and regulations designed to keep our

## New Training & Education Pathways

Scottish Rugby's new Training and Education

game safe for everyone.

These include **Insurance, Concussion, Transgender Players, Pregnancy and Rugby** and a range of other topics.

To see our Player Welfare rules please click [here](#).

pathways for **coaches and match officials** are being launched next Wednesday evening, 28 October at 7pm via a Zoom webinar.

Click [here](#) to please sign up.

Further details will be announced after the webinar on the Scottish Rugby [website](#).

## Player Development Hubs on hold

Following the announcement to delay the start of the competitive season to January 2021 at the earliest, we can now give further clarity on the Player Development Hub (PDH) programme for U15 Boys and U16 and U18 Girls for season 2020-21.

Due to the current restrictions in place on rugby activity and regional travel, **Player Development Hubs will not be held during the remainder of 2020**. Subject to public health advice, it is anticipated that they will return in 2021, however further guidance will be published closer to the time.

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## Threat Management Group Update

**FAO: All Club Members**

**Sent on behalf of The Threat Management Group**

We hope this weekly email finds you and your families well.

Yesterday's stats reported 52,615 positive cases, an additional 1712 positive cases from yesterday. 584 of the new cases are in Greater Glasgow and Clyde, 475 in Lanarkshire, 192 in Lothian and 151 in Ayrshire and Arran.

The remaining cases are distributed across nine other health board areas. The Western Isles did not report any cases yesterday.

With the positive cases rising, it is evident that the virus is within the community and now transmitting to rugby. The number of infections are averaging at 1000 positive cases a day to provide some context.

It is **imperative** that we all remain vigilant in monitoring our health and getting a test booked. If we have any symptoms of COVID-19 – which are recognised as:

**A high temperature**  
**A new, continuous cough**  
**Loss of, or change in, your sense of taste or smell**

If you develop any of these symptoms, it is vital that you self isolate **immediately** and **book a test**. Details on how to book a test can be found [>>>HERE<<](#)  
Follow this [>>>LINK<<](#) for more information on COVID-19

Restrictions previously announced will stay in place within the hospitality and sports industries; contact sport for over-18s is suspended, with an exception for professional sport.

Our dialogue with government officials is on-going and it is worth noting that Scottish Rugby is in a slightly fortunate position in comparison to the Arts & Music industry for example in that our general operations can still continue, albeit at a reduced level, especially in affected health board areas.

Following the First Minister announcing this afternoon that Scotland is to enter a new five-tier system of coronavirus alert levels, the TMG will be reviewing implications next week and offering guidance thereafter.

The new model will come into force from 2 November, when temporary restrictions on the hospitality trade are to expire.

**We continue to encourage everyone to follow the FACTS to support the Government and to control the virus.**

Face coverings in enclosed spaces  
Avoid crowded places  
Clean hands and surfaces regularly  
Two-metre distancing  
Self-isolate and book a test if you have symptoms

Work across our TMG sub groups continues, please find updates below:

**Return to Rugby Clubs & Schools**

The Rugby Development team have had a number of Covid cases across the domestic club game in recent weeks. The department and regional colleagues are supporting them on how best to manage this as effectively as possible. A guide has been produced to assist Clubs & Schools with how to manage a positive case. We are clear that local Health Board and/or Test & Protect guidance takes precedence over that provided by Scottish Rugby.

The team are currently working with schools and clubs on some alternative activities prior to rugby training resumption in affected areas.

**Return to Training**

Glasgow Warriors and the Scotland Women's team have both trained at Ravenscraig this week under the guidance of medical and Health & Safety teams.

Work continues to prepare the FOSROC Regional Academies for their return.

**Return to Events**

We have three matches set to go ahead this weekend with Scotland playing against Georgia tonight, Scotland Women against France on Sunday at Scotstoun and Edinburgh at home on Sunday v Connacht. All operational plans are in a good place, though challenging and a lot of compromises all round. Glasgow Warriors travel to Swansea for the Ospreys match. This group continues to monitor the impact of tougher restrictions in other parts of the UK & Ireland and the impact on our preparations for all matches.

We have a number of match officials travelling this weekend and the referee managers have put together robust contingency plans in case of any of them have to self-isolate whilst away.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope that you and your families are all well.

Best,  
**Dom & Dr Robson**



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