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**MEMO**

**TO: RDA(NSW) Centres , CASP, SNC,**

**FROM: Executive Officer**

**DATE: Tuesday, 17th March 2020**

**RE: Coronavirus Recommendation Urgent**

**Dear Centre Committees,**

 Novel Coronavirus ([COVID-19’s](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/coronavirus.aspx)) impact on communities across NSW and Australia is evolving rapidly. The Board is monitoring advice from NSW Health and the Department of Health in relation to physical activity and the impact of people congregating together.

Due to the vulnerability of our volunteers and participants the Board strongly recommends Centre Committees discuss the current situation and advise their members of their decision to continue operating or not. There have been eight centres who have chosen to take a proactive approach and have closed temporarily.

The Board respects the position of every centre to make their own decision independently but would remind Committees of their Duty of Care towards their attendees.

If there is any assistance or further advice the Board can provide please do not hesitate to contact any of the Directors immediately.

Hoping you all remain safe and that our community returns to normal as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

**Jan Pike**

**Hon Director/Executive Officer**

**Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW)**

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