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World Lacrosse Statement Regarding The Outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, USA — World Lacrosse is closely monitoring developments related to the outbreak of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), including the response and recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO) and leading public health authorities around the world.

We strongly encourage our member-National Governing Bodies and Continental Federations to do the same by regularly visiting the WHO web site, which provides useful recommendations and practical advice on how best to help contain the spread of the virus:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

At present, one international lacrosse event affiliated with World Lacrosse, the Hong Kong Lacrosse Open, has been cancelled. The event was originally scheduled for April 2020.

Thus far, no other World Lacrosse events or meetings have been postponed or cancelled as a result of the spread of the virus, including the 2020 World Lacrosse Men's U19 World Championship and World Lacrosse General Assembly, scheduled for July 2020 in Limerick, Ireland.

The Board of Directors of World Lacrosse reviewed the situation during its monthly call on March 3 and the leadership of our international federation will continue to monitor the situation closely and respond accordingly. Equally, we will work closely with the leadership of our Continental Federations to determine if the environment is safe for the Continental Championship events that are scheduled for later this spring and summer.

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About World Lacrosse

*World Lacrosse is the international federation for men's and women's lacrosse, responsible for providing effective leadership and governance of the sport internationally while supporting the continued growth of lacrosse worldwide. In November 2018, World Lacrosse was officially recognized by the International Olympic Committee. The President of World Lacrosse is **Sue Redfern** of England.*