



Alaska Youth Soccer Association

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To: Alaska Youth Soccer Membership

CC: Board of Directors

Re: AYSA COVID-19 Protocols

AYSA Affiliates Clubs and Leagues,

The Alaska Youth Soccer guidelines outlined are in accordance with the current COVID-19 Protocols to take place for a positive test result or exposure to someone who tested positive within your program. A priority will be given to ensure that the individual remains confidential according to federal and state guidelines. Clubs and leagues will ensure information shared within the membership is accurate not rumor in the effort to eliminate fear or confusion as each situation (s) arises.

The appropriate guidelines are to take place when a **Club Administrator and/ or Club President** has been notified by a parent or guardian of a possible or confirmed positive for COVID-19. The chain of command outlined below ensures all federal and state guidelines along with maintaining the confidentiality of the individual (s). The club will designate **“one point of contact”** to work directly with the family, State of Alaska DHSS, and Alaska Youth Soccer.

- 1) Club point of contact will be immediately made aware of the situation from parent, guardian, or coaching staff.
- 2) Club point of contact to communicate with the [Alaska Youth Soccer](#) office directly. The club will report within **a 24-hour period** of awareness of the possible or confirmed positive for COVID-19 by submitting the [Club COVID-19 Club Report](#)
- 3) Club point of contact to communicate with their board; without using names only team (s) affected
- 4) Club point of contact to email the affected team (s) with next steps and clear direction.
- 5) Alaska Youth Soccer will communicate directly with the Club point of contact, the league contact person, and the State Referee Association. The club point of contact or club **will not** duplicate communication with the league/ referee assigner.
- 6) DHSS will give **clear direction** regarding the next course of action, including additional contact notifications, suspension of team activities, practices and/ or games. Alaska Youth Soccer will then **directly follow up** with the affiliate clubs and leagues regarding the notifications to ensure the guidelines are followed.
- 7) All parties directly involved will be informed of the pertinent information in adherence with confidentiality laws as needed to protect our membership. If the contact tracing investigation shows that past club activities including league games are not at risk, those parties will not be contacted with additional information.
- 8) A copy of the **Covid-19 Health Screening result certificate** must be sent to the registered club point of contact and the Alaska Youth Soccer state office prior to the individual approval for return to club activity.

Note: The State of Alaska DHSS will **determine** how the contact tracing investigation will be conducted. The contact tracing investigation for those who have tested positive for COVID-19 includes determining who was in close contact with the case while they were infectious. A “close contact” is defined as being closer than 6 ft. for at least 10-15 minutes. The investigation looks at 2 days prior to the onset of symptoms, or 2 days prior to their positive test if they did not have symptoms. The State of Alaska DHSS will make the determination of the **contact date**; they may require a roster from a team (s) to make contact notifications. Alaska Youth Soccer and the member clubs and leagues **are not required to** and **should not** do their own contact tracing, the investigation will be handled directly on the state level.

When the State of Alaska DHSS receives a **positive test result**, they initiate a Contact Tracing case investigation. During the investigation, the individual/ parent, and club will be contacted. The individual will follow the direction of DHSS and be medically cleared before they can return to club activity.

If the contact tracing case investigation identifies other individuals as a **close contact**, they will be asked to self-quarantine for 14 days after their last contact with the infected individual and to monitor themselves for fever or other symptoms consistent with COVID-19. If a close contact has not become ill by the end of their quarantine period, they can resume their regular activities. **No close contacts** should be allowed to participate in club activities until their quarantine period is over.

Note: DHSS often finds that individuals who might have been present at the same location as someone who tests positive for COVID-19 but do not meet the definition of “close contact” will be concerned if they do not hear from DHSS, but this means that the individual was not in close contact and their risk of COVID-19 is no higher than the general public.

During the Contact Tracing case investigation, DHSS will not disclose the identity of the infected individual and the individual that were exposed. Alaska Youth Soccer, member clubs and leagues will also not disclose the individual’s information. If any individual in your club is concerned about possible exposure, they may contact their primary healthcare provider or the local PHN.

Clubs / Leagues May Need to Supply the Following for Contact Tracing Purposes?

For contact tracing purposes, maintain daily training sign in sheets, game day rosters, game schedules, referee schedules, club staff and volunteers, and possible team spectators.

- a. For privacy purposes, the lists and rosters should be **securely stored and not shared publicly**.
- b. It is recommended that lists and rosters should be available for a minimum of 21 days to account for the period of COVID-19 presentation of symptoms and illness.