

# ALASKA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

## COVID-19 REPORTING PROCEDURES

For COVID-19 reporting and tracing purposes, all teams including but not limited to players, coaches, managers, trainers, and team personnel must remain diligent. Each club must follow AYSA COVID-19 Protocols and reporting process that conform to the State of Alaska Department of Public Health and CDC guidelines.

The procedures 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 the club program. A priority will be given to ensure that the COVID-19 positive person remains confidential according to federal and state guidelines. Clubs and leagues will ensure reporting information shared within their 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.

### **Club COVID-19 Protocols**

- 1) Club point of contact will be immediately made aware of the situation from parent, guardian, or coaching staff.
- 2) Club point of contact will communicate with the **Alaska Youth Soccer Office** directly. The point of contact will submit the report within **a 24-hour period** of awareness of the possible or confirmed positive for COVID-19.
- 3) The Club COVID-19 Report link can be found here or on the AYSA website; [Club COVID-19 Club Report](#).
- 4) Club point of contact will communicate with club board; without using individual name (s).
- 5) Club point of contact will email their team (s) with next steps/ clear direction excluding using individual name (s).
- 6) AYSA will communicate directly with the Club point of contact, the individual (s) family, State of Alaska DHSS, league administrator, and the State Referee Association. \*NOTE: The club point of contact and the club staff **will not duplicate communication** with the league, referee assigner, or other clubs and teams.
- 7) AYSA will **directly follow up** with the club and leagues regarding suspension of team activities including league games until DHSS is able to give **clear direction** regarding the next course of action, including additional contact tracing notifications, suspension of team activities, practices and/ or games. AYSA will continue to be updated on notifications to ensure the guidelines are followed by all parties.
- 8) 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 or public notices.
- 9) A copy of the **Covid-19 Health Screening Result Certificate** along with confirmation that **DHSS Finalized the Notification Procedure** for the current case must be sent to the registered Club point of contact and the Alaska Youth Soccer 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, clubs and leagues **are not required to** and **should not** do their own contact tracing, the investigation will be handled directly on the Alaska state level.

When the State of Alaska DHSS receives a **positive test result**, they will initiate a Contact Tracing case investigation. During the investigation, the individual/ parent, and club point of contact will be contacted. The individual with a positive test result will follow the direction of DHSS, quarantine, test to receive a negative result and receive clearance from DHSS showing the individual can resume participation in club activity.

**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.**

If the DHSS 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. During this time, the individual (s) should not be allowed to participate in club activities until their quarantine period is over and they receive a negative test result.

During the Contact Tracing case investigation, DHSS will not disclose the identity of the infected individual (s) and the individual (s) that were exposed. Alaska Youth Soccer, clubs and leagues will **ALSO NOT** disclose the individual information or circumstances around the individual (s) case.