



# Alaska Youth Soccer Association

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To: Alaska Youth Soccer Membership

CC: Board of Directors

Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Date: March 13, 2020

In concern for the wellbeing and safety of our players, coaches, officials, and their families, Alaska Youth Soccer has been closely monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Following recommendations from US Soccer, US Youth Soccer, State and local health officials, and the CDC with the heightened travel concerns, and with the health and welfare of our soccer community in mind, AYSA is suspending all soccer activities and sanctioned events beginning immediately through March 29 at which time we will reevaluate our state situation and decide week at a time until we can get back to full play.

All clubs and leagues will be asked to honor this suspension of activity immediately. This includes all league games, practices, friendlies, clinics, trainings, coaching education courses, and any other activities that would cause our players, families, officials and staff to gather in close proximity. At this time, we also recommend suspension of any out of state travel, for more information please contact our office directly.

AYSA understands this is an unprecedented action, and it is not one that we would take without considerable thought and realize the potential impact on leagues, clubs, teams and families. Alaska Youth Soccer highest priority is ensuring to provide a healthy and safe environment for activity within our soccer programs, as well as that of the community at large.

Alaska Youth Soccer would like to thank our Alaska Soccer Community for your ongoing support as we manage our programming given the current health and travel environment.

Alaska Youth Soccer will provide continued communication with our leagues and clubs as a priority as more information becomes available, we sincerely appreciate your attention to this matter.

The state office will remain operational throughout this difficult time and will be available to assist members as needed. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions,

Linda Burke

AYSA Executive Director

## **Find Health Safety and Best Practices Below, please follow the suggestions/ resources:**

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow the CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
- Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms to help prevent the spread of the disease.
- [State of Alaska](#)
- [Resources for Alaskans](#)
- [S. Department of State](#)
- [CDC - Travelers Health](#)
- [CDC - Coronavirus Overview](#)
- [WHO - Advice for Coronavirus](#)
- [Prevention & Treatment](#)