



EIYSA's Response Action Plan

EIYSA's designated SPOC (single point of contact) for ALL Covid-19 related concerns will be Dan Curtis. He can be reached at exdir@eiysa.com

If a game is abandoned due to COVID-19 concerns, one member of the cohort should inform facility staff of the incident immediately so that proper cleaning procedures can be initiated.

All Sick individuals should stay at home.

- Sick Team Officials, or players should not return until they are well enough based on Public Health Agency of Canada and Provincial / Territorial Health Authority guidelines.

Team Officials, and players with COVID-19 symptoms (i.e., fever, cough, shortness of breath) at any EIYSA activity must be immediately separated and isolated.

- Individuals who are sick should go home or to a healthcare facility, depending on how severe their symptoms are, contact their Family Physician, and follow Health Agency guidance for caring for oneself and others who are sick.
- Individuals who have had close contact with a person who has symptoms should be separated and sent home as well. If symptoms develop, individuals and families should follow Health Agency guidelines for caring for oneself and others who are sick.

Transporting Those Who are Sick at EIYSA Activities.

- Individuals who are displaying symptoms must immediately depart the facility if they can safely do so on their own,
- If calling an ambulance, please alert them that the person may have COVID-19.

The cleaning and disinfecting of areas used by a sick person.

- Areas used by a sick person should be closed off and not used these until after cleaning and disinfecting them (for outdoor areas, this includes surfaces or shared objects in the area).
- EIYSA will defer to facility implemented guidelines for closing off areas and cleaning prior to re-opening
- Teams would be responsible for cleaning/disinfecting any of their own equipment (balls, goalkeeper gloves, etc.).

Notify Local Health Officials and Close Contacts

- In accordance with Federal, Provincial and Territorial privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations, the SPOC will notify local health officials, ASA, club staff, officials, and families

immediately of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Guidance for Confirmed COVID-19 Case in Soccer

- Close contacts are defined as anyone that was within two metres of a positive case of COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes, even if a mask was worn during that contact.
- A close contact is ALSO someone who has had direct contact with bodily fluids of a person who has COVID-19 (e.g., was coughed or sneezed on), or who provided direct care for a person who has COVID-19.
- For sports that involve close, sustained or intermittent and repeated contact, all members of the teams playing each other are considered close contacts when there is a case on a team
- Anyone who fall in the above categories is considered a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Timeline for Close Contact Consideration/Infectious Period

Anyone in contact with the positive case of COVID-19, as per the above definition;

- Two-days leading up to when they became sick, or
- Two-days before the COVID-19 swab was taken if no symptoms, AND
- Any days since they started experiencing symptoms, or
- Any days since they had a swab taken, if no symptoms.

Will need to be contacted as a Close Contact of a positive COVID-19 case.

Event Organizer

In soccer, the event organizer could be the team coach, team manager, club, zone, league, or district depending on the situation

RESPONSIBILITIES

As of November 5th, the responsibilities for contact tracing and reporting of a positive COVID-19 case has changed.

Alberta Health Services

Alberta Health Services directly notifies close contacts of cases of COVID-19 confirmed in three priority groups only: health care workers, minors (parents notified if child exposed at school), and individuals who live/work within congregate or communal facilities.

Individuals

Albertans have been asked to notify their own close contacts of the exposure. In soccer, an individual who has participated in a soccer activity and tested positive for COVID-19 is asked to voluntarily contact the Event Organizer. By contacting the Event Organizer to voluntarily report a positive COVID-19 test result, the individual's confidentiality can be maintained as the Event Organizer will take on the responsibility to contact the Close Contacts. Individuals who voluntarily report a positive COVID-19 test result should be prepared to provide an Event Organizer with the following information;

1. Date when they became sick or the date of the COVID-19 swab (if no symptoms experienced prior to swab)
2. Soccer events they participated in the two days prior to the COVID-19 swab or two-days prior to becoming sick.

Event Organizers – Individual Club’s SPOC or Club President

An **Event Organizer (Clubs SPOC or Club President)** who receives the voluntary report from the individual who tested positive for COVID-19, should collect the following information to determine what soccer events the individual attended while infectious;

1. Obtain the date they became sick or the date of the COVID-19 swab (if no symptoms were experienced prior to the swab)
2. Obtain a list of soccer-related events the individual participated in the two-days prior to becoming sick or two-days prior to the COVID-19 swab (if no symptoms were experienced prior to the swab).
3. Obtain the name of the cohort team(s) in which the individual participates, if applicable. (i.e. within the same association)

Event Organizers (EIYSA SPOC) who are responsible for contacting attendees of a soccer event who are considered close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 test should;

1. Obtain the date they became sick or the date of the COVID-19 swab (if no symptoms were experienced prior to the swab)
2. Obtain a list of soccer-related events the individual participated in the two-days prior to becoming sick or two-days prior to the COVID-19 swab (if no symptoms were experienced prior to the swab).
3. Obtain the name of the cohort team(s) in which the individual participates, if applicable.
4. Using the league schedule, identify the team(s) in which the individual participated with during the infectious period;
 - a. Two days prior to becoming sick or the date of the COVID-19 swab (if no symptoms were experienced prior to the swab)
5. Email all individuals who are considered close contacts during the infectious period using the following script;

We are writing to inform you that an individual in your sport cohort has tested positive for COVID-19. Alberta Health Services recommends that we notify you that you have been exposed to COVID-19.

We are sorry to have to tell you this. It’s very important that you **MUST** immediately self-isolate, and go to www.ahs.ca/covid , to complete the online assessment and go for COVID-19 testing.

According to our files, you were exposed to the individual on ____ (date that this person was in close contact with you). You will need to isolate for 14 days from that date.

We don’t have any further information to share, but we can tell you that you can find more information at www.ahs.ca/InfoforCloseContacts

You can also call 811 with questions.

6. Apply a 14-day cohort break to the exposed team(s) from the earliest date of contact within the infectious period.
7. Inform Alberta Soccer of the confirmed COVID-19 case through the online reporting tool.

EIYSA COVID-19 Reporting Protocols

1. Person with positive COVID-19 case is to voluntarily contact his/her Club (as per AHS guidelines). Each EIYSA club can choose to have one person as single point of contact (SPOC) for any COVID-19 case reporting OR can be reported directly to players Head Coach
2. Clubs SPOC or Head Coach will than notify Club President
3. Clubs SPOC or Club President to notify ALL Close Contacts within their own Club and EIYSA SPOC – Dan Curtis
4. EIYSA SPOC will notify individual players and team officials from any other team that has been defined as a Close Contacts as per AHS guidelines.
5. EIYSA SPOC to inform ASA through the online reporting tool