

Pennsylvania Classics AC

Protocol for COVID-19 Response

(Adopted by Board of Directors 8/17/2020)

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact competitive and recreational youth sports across the nation and in Eastern Pennsylvania. Guidance and protocols regarding mitigation and response to the virus continue to evolve. The leadership of PA Classics is regularly in contact with officials at the EPYSA and responding to directives and recommendations from the PA Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other state and local government agencies.

Communication from all parties remains a key aspect of responding to the crisis. It is critical that parents and guardians of our players inform their team's coach immediately of their player's changing health status or their player's close contact with those individuals who have tested positive and/or become symptomatic. While it is challenging to identify each scenario and the subsequent steps for each scenario in this protocol, it is vital that each case is addressed individually as it arises in the club. The following guidelines were adopted to the PAC Board of Directors to address emerging situations.

1. Player Illness

If your player feels ill for any reason, please keep them at home and do not bring them to any training session or game event. Please notify your coach immediately of the reason for the absence. The club strongly encourages you to follow the advice of your primary care physician for next steps as it pertains to appropriate testing and return to play.

2. Player Positive Covid-19 Test

If your player tests positive for Covid-19, please notify your coach immediately and follow the steps recommended by your medical provider. The coach immediately notify the appropriate club administrator to record the test result and take further action. The coach will notify team parents only if the infected player has come into contact with team members within the previous 2 weeks. The coach will not identify which player tested positive for privacy reasons. Should it be determined that the infected player has come into contact with team members during their infectious stage, the team will suspend training and ask all players to self-quarantine for 5-7 days, get tested if appropriate. The team may resume training after 14 days. Each player returning to play must have a Covid-19 test that is negative or remain away from the team for an additional 5-7 days.

3. Close Contact

If your player comes in close contact with an individual who has tested positive and/or become symptomatic, please keep them at home and do not bring them to any training session or game event. A close contact is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes. Again, please notify your coach of the situation, and self-quarantine for 5-7 days. After 5-7 days of quarantine, no symptoms appear, and a Covid-19 test comes back negative, the player may return to team events. If a test is not administered by a health care provider or testing center, please quarantine the player for 14 days and if no symptoms arise, the player may return to team events.

4. Coaches, Assistant Coach and other team officials

Coaches, assistant coaches and other team officials that come in contact with players at training sessions, games or other soccer events are asked to adhere to the same protocols as outlined above for players. Again, this applies to coaches or other team officials that become ill, receive a positive COVID-19 test result, or come in close contact with a known positive individual. Coaches must immediately report any of these situations to the appropriate club administrator and take necessary steps for self-quarantine as outlined above in Items 1-3.

Coaches should contact the appropriate club administrator to report suspected or known cases as outlined above. Each PA Classics program has an identified program contact and their contact information.

Reporting Structure:

1. Travel players report to...
 - a. Head Coach
 - b. Steve Klein - steve@paclassics.org
2. Rec and Rugby Players report to...
 - a. Victor DeSantis, vdesantis@comcast.net
 - b. Jim Dreyer, jim.dreyer@comcast.net
 - c. Steve Klein, steve@paclassics.org
3. Tournament inquiries report to...
 - a. Mike Henning, mikehenning@paclassics.org
 - b. Steve Klein, steve@paclassics.org
4. Futures and Futures Academy report to...
 - a. Gary Ross, rossi@pennlegacy.org
 - b. Steve Klein, steve@paclassics.org
5. Adult League report to...
 - a. Joel Rice, jrice@paclassics.org
 - b. Steve Klein, steve@paclassics.org