

Over the last few weeks, WSA has worked hard to develop some [Safe Return to Play guidelines](#) for the fall soccer season—in accordance with Carroll County Rec & Parks, the State of Maryland, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Now, as WSA prepares to officially begin the fall season, we wanted to take a moment to outline the steps WSA will follow, should someone within our organization contract COVID-19.

If a coach, volunteer, player, or family member within the WSA organization tests positive for COVID-19 anytime during a season, they must immediately Contact Carroll County Department of Health at 410-876-4848 and follow their directions.

In addition, they should alert WSA's assigned COVID representative at covid@westminstersoccer.com. This confidential email should include the person's age and their affiliation with WSA (i.e. coach, volunteer, player, or family member), the team name (i.e. U6 Team USA), and coach's name.

In accordance with HIPAA privacy laws, WSA will keep all names private. However, [HIPAA](#) allows and the CDC recommends that WSA notify all persons who may have been in "close contact" with the person who tested positive for COVID-19. The CDC defines "close contact" as being less than six feet away from someone diagnosed with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more.

So, depending on the situation and with guidance from the Carroll County Health Department, WSA will alert families/persons who may have come in contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19. Those families will be instructed to monitor for symptoms, get tested for COVID-19, and/or stay at home for 14 days—depending on the situation.

If you have questions or concerns about WSA's COVID-19 policy, please feel to reach out directly to John Neubert at covid@westminstersoccer.com.

Thank you for helping to create a safe environment this fall for all our families and players at WSA.

Person	Exposure to	Recommended Precautions for the Public
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual who has had close contact (< 6 feet)** for ≥15 minutes*** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person with COVID-19 who has symptoms (in the period from 2 days before symptom onset until they meet criteria for discontinuing home isolation; can be laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) Person who has tested positive for COVID-19 (laboratory confirmed) but has not had any symptoms (in the 2 days before the date of specimen collection until they meet criteria for discontinuing home isolation). <p>Note: This is irrespective of whether the person with COVID-19 or the contact was wearing a cloth face covering or whether the contact was wearing respiratory personal protective equipment (PPE)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay home until 14 days after last exposure and maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others at all times Self-monitor for symptoms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check temperature twice a day Watch for fever*, cough, or shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19 Avoid contact with people at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 Follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop