



## **Fergus-Elora District Soccer Club Emergency Response Plan (ERS)**

This plan is organized into three sections, which outline the key roles and responsibilities of the FED's Soccer Club in each of three pandemic phases: Pre-pandemic phase, Positive test phase, Post-pandemic phase.

The ERP Lead/SPOC (Single point of Contact) for the FED's Soccer club is **Jose Martinez**.

The Club President is **Curt McQueen**.

### **Pre-Pandemic Phase**

This is the critical phase for Covid-19 pandemic preparedness. Planning efforts focus on education of the volunteers, staff, coaches, parents, players, and match officials about Ontario Soccer and Canada Soccer's Return to Play plans and protocols. Please note that the Return to Play Protocols comply with the Province of Ontario emergency orders and health authority directives. In addition, coordination with facilities are included here.

Tasks completed by FED's Soccer Club:

- 1) Complete Canada Soccer/Ontario Soccer's risk assessment online
- 2) Incorporate Canada Soccer/Ontario Soccer's Return to Play protocols into current operational plans.
- 3) Educate all Club leaders of the Emergency Response Plan.
- 4) Create communication plan flow-chart if a positive test for Covid-19 in the Club
- 5) Verify Ontario Soccer, Province of Ontario, and local municipal government permissions for return to play implementation following Ontario Soccer return to play protocols of implementation



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### **Positive Test Phase**

Confirmation of a positive test within FED's Soccer Club will declare when it's time to activate this phase of the Emergency Response Plan. During this phase, the key goals will be to prevent further infections within the FED's Soccer Club. This phase remains active until the infected party is isolated and under the control of professional health authorities and there is no further threat to the health and safety of the FED's Soccer Club's participants.

### **Communication System**

Consistent with Federal and Provincial/Territorial privacy regulations, acts, laws, etc. coaches, staff, officials, and families of players will self-report to the single point of contact (SPOC), also known as the "ERP Lead" if:

- a. they have symptoms of COVID-19, or
- b. a positive test for COVID-19 is recorded, or
- c. were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days

Note: See flowchart at the end of this section.

### **Advise Sick Individuals to Stay Home**

Sick coaches, staff members, officials, or players should not return until they are well enough based on Public Health Agency of Canada and Provincial Health Authority guidelines.

### **Isolate and/or Transport Those Who are Sick at Club/Academy Activities**

Coaches, staff, officials, and players with COVID-19 symptoms (i.e., fever, cough, shortness of breath) at any club 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



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families should follow Health Agency guidelines for caring for oneself and others who are sick.

Establish procedures for safely transporting anyone who is sick to their home or to a healthcare facility. That means having parent contact information readily available, parents within a safe, socially distanced but easily accessible waiting area, or if you are calling an ambulance or bringing someone to the hospital. If calling an ambulance, please alert them that the person may have COVID-19.

### **Clean and Disinfect Areas**

Close off areas used by a sick person and do not use these areas until after cleaning and disinfecting them (for outdoor areas, this includes surfaces or shared objects in the area). Ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaning and disinfection products, including storing them securely away from children.

### **Notify Local Health Officials and Governing Bodies**

In accordance with Federal, Provincial and Territorial privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations, the SPOC should notify local health officials, District, Provincial or Territorial Associations, club staff, officials, and families immediately of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. SPOC should work with local health officials to develop a reporting system (e.g., letter) to notify health officials and close contacts (logs and/or contact tracing information) of cases of COVID-19. The Provincial and Territorial Health agencies and their Contact Tracing procedures will be responsible for advising those who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 and determine whether someone should stay home and self-monitor for symptoms. Members of the Club/Academy should continue to self-monitor for symptoms. The SPOC must notify the Provincial or Territorial Association of any cases of COVID-19. A weekly reporting system should be instituted for SPOC to advise the Provincial or Territorial Association of any cases of COVID-19, suspected cases, and where athletes or staff have been refused admittance to any training session. Even if there are no suspected cases, a 'nil' report should be required.



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#### **Action and Communications**

- a. Confirm Provincial Health Officer has declared the COVID-19 pandemic is over.
- b. Send official written notice to your membership (i.e., volunteers, staff, coaches, parents, players, match officials) that the pandemic is officially over, the province's state of emergency order has been lifted and soccer activities can resume its full operations. Note: During this phase, there may be specific sport protocols to follow from Canada Soccer/Ontario Soccer and/or the Provincial health authorities (i.e., implementation of Infection Control Policies and Procedures).
- c. Conduct a full review of your COVID-19 Return to Play Implementation Plan as well as your COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan. Include a list of recommendations for improvements.
- d. Update your soccer organizations Emergency Response Plan for future use and have approved.



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## Communications Flow Chart

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