

New Providence Soccer Club COVID-19 Approach

August 2020

COVID-19 & Season Update

COVID-19 – Life as we know it has changed

- New Providence Soccer Club is committed to a safe return to play program. This includes Training day and Game day protocol.
- All stakeholders (Players, Parent, Coaches, Manager and Trainers) are responsible for adhering to these updated requirements.
- The club is using the Centers for Disease Control and New Jersey Department of Health guidance in developing our protocols.
- All protocols and requirements are established to help protect coaches/managers/players/club.
- NPSC has created a COVID-19 HUB on our website.

COVID-19 – Waivers/Protocol and Screening

- All NPSC players, coaches and managers must submit a completed waiver and acknowledgement of the protocols **before attending their 1st session.**
- Email your completed forms to covidtracking@npsoccerclub.org.
- All NPSC players and coaches must complete a health questionnaire online **no earlier than 8 hours and no later than 1 hour before every session.**
- Links to team specific questionnaires will be sent out by coaches 8 hours prior to the start of each session.
- All NPSC players and coaches will have their temperature checked before every session. (This not eliminate parents responsibility to check temperatures when filling in the health questionnaire)
- All links and forms can be found on the COVID-19 HUB on our website.

COVID-19 – Attendance

- Any person (players, coaches, volunteers, or visitors) who is sick, experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, is being /has been tested for COVID-19, or has received a positive COVID-19 diagnosis in the last 14 days should stay home. Players, coaches, or volunteers who have had close contact with a person who has symptoms, or has been tested or diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days should also stay home.
- If a player, coach, or volunteer is diagnosed with COVID-19, the Club may suspend that individual, or that team temporarily (for 14 days), or for the season, depending on the circumstances.

COVID-19 – Policy and Reporting

- Any person who is sick, experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, is being tested for COVID-19, or has received a positive COVID-19 diagnosis in the last fourteen (14) days is prohibited from attending NPSC events.
- Players, coaches, or volunteers who have had close contact with a person who has symptoms, or has been tested or diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days should also stay home.
- Any exposure to COVID-19 should be reported to NPSC immediately (covidtracking@npsoccerclub.org).
- The board will convene to discuss notification and action plans which may include training and game suspension and/or season suspension. No personally identifying information will be released.

Season Update – Soccer is back

- The club is scheduled to field 17 teams this fall
- Teams will be formed shortly and the training schedule will be out soon
- Timing of coach sessions and Trainer sessions have not been finalized. Intention is to have a couple of practices prior to the start of the season.
- New Providence Soccer club works with the following Leagues: SYSL return to play 9/13, MNJYA return to play 9/20 & EDP return to play 9/13
- All Fields are provided to us by the Boro based on an allocation for the various sports in town

Game/Training Approach

Training Day Approach - Summary



Submit health questionnaire no earlier than 8 hours before training starts and no later than 1 hour before.

Coaches validate health questionnaire (completeness and content) prior to start including coaching staff

Staggered start times – do not arrive more than 5mins before the session

Parents are not allowed on the field

Use only the dedicated Entrance and Exit for your team – To be provided with your training schedule

Coaches temp check all players as well as the coaching staff

Masks should be worn until players reach the designated area. Coaches should wear masks at all times.

No sharing of drinks, bibs, etc

See detailed protocols on the NPSC COVID-19 HUB.

Game Day Approach - Summary



Submit health questionnaire no earlier than 8 hours before training starts and no later than 1 hour before.

Coaches validate health questionnaire (completeness and content) prior to start including coaching staff

Staggered start times – do not arrive more than 5mins before the required warmup time

Coaches temp check NPSC players, coaching staff as well as the officials (home games only).

Masks should be worn at all times when not on the field of play. Coaches should wear masks at all times.

No sharing of drinks, bibs, etc.

Parents should practice social distancing guidelines.

See detailed protocols on the NPSC COVID-19 HUB.

Roles and Responsibilities

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All Persons

- Maintain and follow social distancing guidelines
- Read and understand safety protocols, and stay apprised of updates
- Stay home if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or if you've had close contact with someone who is being tested for or has been diagnosed with COVID-19
- Report any exposure to COVID-19 to covidtracking@npsoccerclub.org



Roles and Responsibilities

Club

- Develop and maintain updated safety protocols
- Distribute and post safety protocol to all members
- Be understanding to parents/players that may delay return
- Provide adequate field space for physical distancing
- Have an effective communication plan
- Train coaches and volunteers in enforcing the return to play protocol and how to address situations in which social distancing or other protocols are challenged by players, parents/guardians, or visitors

Roles and Responsibilities



Coach

- Follow and enforce all safety protocols
- Validate everyone on the team has submitted a health questionnaire prior to every training session or game.
- Review the health questionnaire answers prior to every training session or game
- Stay at home if not feeling well
- Send home players if they are not feeling well
- Provide adequate physical distancing at all times
- Ensure all players are not sharing water/equipment (ball permitted)
- Wear a face mask when coaching
- Only coach handles equipment
- Be understanding to parents/players that may delay returning to play
- Keep all personally identifying information in confidence.
- Inform the club should he/she become aware of any contact with potential or actual COVID-19 cases through any league play.

Roles and Responsibilities



Parent

- Truthfully fill out the health questionnaire before each session
- Check your child's temperature before any team related event
- Notify your club immediately if your child becomes ill
- Ensure your child has sanitizing products and plenty of water
- Stay in car or adhere to social distance requirements
- Ensure washing (e.g, hands) takes place before and after every training and game
- Ensure clothes and equipment are sanitized before and after every training and game

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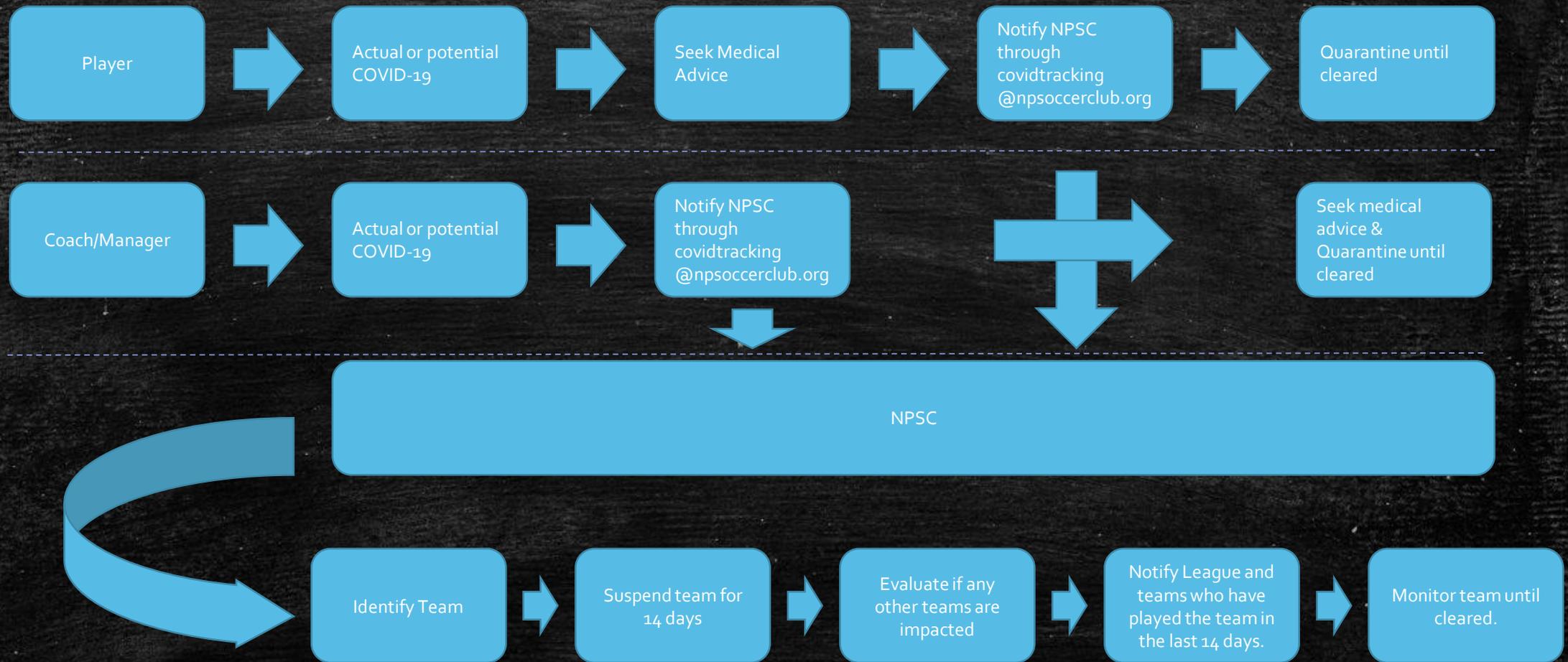


Player

- Bring and use hand sanitizer
- Be open and transparent with coach
- Place bags and equipment at least 6 feet apart
- Do not touch or share anyone else's equipment, water, food or bags
- No group celebrations, high-5s, hugs, handshakes, fist-bumps, etc.
- Respect and practice physical distancing
- Wear mask before and immediately after events
- Wash hands thoroughly and immediately after events
- Wash and sanitize all equipment before and after events

Action Plan

COVID-19 Potential or actual Positive Test – Action plan



Backup

Key Documents



NPSC Waiver



NPSC COVID
Protocol