



**Georgetown Soccer Club
COVID -19 Emergency Response Plan**

Plan Overview for the Georgetown Soccer Club (GSC)

Organization and Structure of the Plan

The main body of this COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan (ERP) is organized in three sections, which outline the key roles and responsibilities of GSC in each of the three (3) pandemic phases;

Phase 1 - *Pre-Pandemic Phase*:

This is the critical stage for COVID-19 pandemic preparedness. The pre- pandemic phase is **NOW**, and planning efforts need to focus on Club education of the membership (i.e., volunteers, staff, coaches, parents, players, match officials) on Ontario Soccer and Canada Soccer's Return to Play Plan and Protocols. Please note that GSC Return to Play Protocols comply with the Province of Ontario emergency orders and health authority directives.

Phase 2 - *Positive Test Phase*:

Confirmation of a COVID-19 positive test within GSC will declare when it is time to activate our COVID-19 Action Plan. During this phase, the key goals will be to prevent further infections within GSC and minimize program disruption. This phase remains active until the infected party has been isolated and under the control of professional health authorities and there is no further threat to the health and safety of GSC's participants.

Phase 3 - *Post-Pandemic Phase*:

The post-pandemic period begins when the Provincial Health Officer declares that the COVID-19 pandemic is over. The primary focus of work at this time is to restore normal services, deactivate pandemic response activities, review the impact, and use the lessons learned to guide future emergency response planning.

1. Pre-Pandemic Activities

GSC Planning and Coordination a. GSC has developed and implemented a COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan (ERP). This ERP has been developed by the Board of Directors and the staff of GSC.

Person Responsible - ERP Lead Lynne Houliston, Robert Varela GSC president and the Board of Directors for the Georgetown Soccer Club

b. GSC has created a specific COVID-19 ERP to add to its existing Emergency Action Plan.

Person Responsible - ERP Lead Lynne Houliston

c. GSC has Completed Canada Soccer/Ontario Soccer's Risk Assessment On-line. **Person Responsible** - ERP Lead Lynne Houliston as well as GSC president, Robert Varela and the members of the Emergency Response Committee within GSC

d. GSC has incorporated Canada Soccer/Ontario Soccer's Return to Play protocols. **Person Responsible** - ERP Lead Lynne Houliston.

e. GSC has Educated all internal organizational leaders of ERP Procedures manual. **Person Responsible** - ERP Lead Lynne Houlston along with the Georgetown Soccer Club Board of Directors.

f. GSC has a written communication plan flowchart if a positive test for COVID-19 occurs within GSC. **Person Responsible** - ERP Lead Lynne Houlston.

g. GSC has verified Ontario Soccer, Province of Ontario and local Municipal government permissions for Return to Play implementation following Ontario Return to Soccer protocols of implementation. **Person Responsible** - ERP Lead Lynne Houlston

h. If someone does not feel well, use the self-assessment tool [found here](#).

i. Staff, volunteer, participant or any family member(Team Member) Quarantine Requirements.

- Any Team Member who travelled outside of Canada within the last 14 days is not permitted to participate in any GSC activities or be present at any GSC facility.
- Any Team Member who has travelled outside of Canada within the last 14 days must quarantine and self- isolate.
- Any Team Member who has been instructed by public health authorities to self-isolate.

2. Positive Test Phase

Confirmation of a COVID-19 positive test within GSC

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 specific 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. have been 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 will not return until they are well enough based on Public Health Agency of Canada and Provincial Health Authority guidelines.

If a Team Member tests positive for COVID-19

- The Team Member will not be permitted to return to any GSC activity until they are completely recovered from COVID-19 and provide the Club with a doctor’s note confirming the same.
- Any Team Member who has been in close contact with an infected Team Member will also be removed from all Activity for at least 14 days to ensure the infection does not spread further.

If a Team Member has been tested and is waiting for the results of a COVID-19 Test

- As with any confirmed case, the Team Member will be unable to participate in any activity until test results are received and a negative result is confirmed.

- Other Team Members who may have been exposed will be informed and removed from the GSC activities for at least 14 days or until the diagnosis of COVID-19 is ruled out by health authorities.

Isolate and/or Transport Those Who are Sick at GSC Activities

-GSC will ensure that coaches, staff, officials, players, and families know that sick individuals should not attend a GSC activity, and that they should notify officials if they (staff) or their child (families) become sick with COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 symptoms or a confirmed or suspected case.

If a Team Member is feeling sick with COVID-19 symptoms, regardless of severity (i.e., even mild symptoms).

- They must remain at home.
 - They should consider contacting Halton Public Health 905-825-6000 as well as Georgetown Soccer Club.
 - They will be sent home immediately and unable to return until the symptoms clear completely.
 - No Team Member may participate in any GSC activity if they are symptomatic.
- Team Members 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 will 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.

GSC has established procedures for safely transporting anyone who is sick to their home or to a healthcare facility. GSC has 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, relate COVID-19 concerns.

Clean and Disinfect Areas

GSC will close off areas used by a sick person and will not allow others to 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 Close Contacts

In accordance with Federal, Provincial and Territorial privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations, the SPOC (Specific Point of Contact) will notify local health officials, 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.

The SPOC will 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 will continue to self-monitor for symptoms.

The SPOC must notify the Provincial Association of any cases of COVID-19. A weekly reporting system should be instituted for SPOC to advise the Provincial 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.

Person Responsible - ERP Lead Lynne Houliston.

3. Post-Pandemic Phase

Action and Communications

a. Confirm Provincial Health Officer has declared the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

Person Responsible - ERP Lead Lynne Houliston.

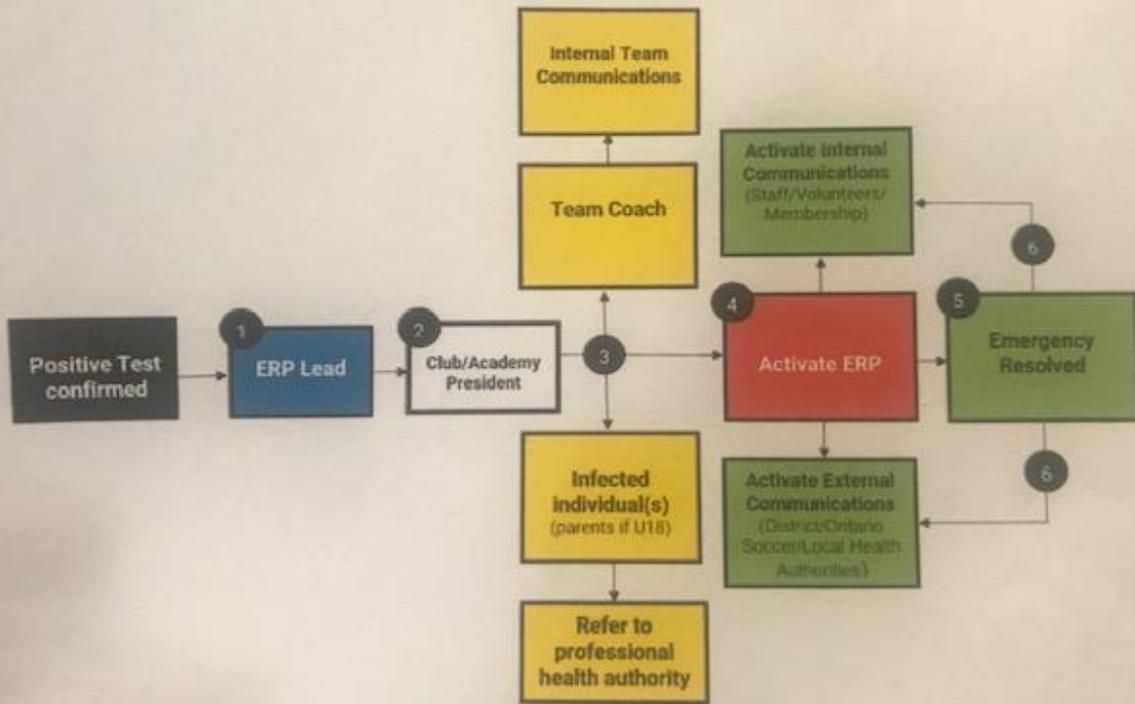
b. Send official written notice to GSC (i.e., volunteers, staff, coaches, parents, players, match officials) that the pandemic is officially over, the province's state of emergency order has been lifted and soccer activities can resume its full operations. **Note: During this phase, there may be specific sport protocols to follow from Canada Soccer/Ontario Soccer and/or the Provincial health authorities (i.e., implementation of Infection Control Policies and Procedures).** **Person Responsible** - Robert Varela

c. Conduct a full review of GSC COVID-19 Return to Play Implementation Plan as well as The GSC COVID-19 Emergency Response Plan. Include a list of recommendations for improvements. **Person Responsible** - ERP Lead Lynne Houliston.

d. Update GSC's Emergency Response Plan for future use and have approved. **Person Responsible** - ERP Lead Lynne Houliston as well as GSC President and the Emergency Response committee for the Georgetown Soccer Club.

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN (ERP)

Communications Flow Chart



**COVID-19 SYMPTOMS CHECKLIST FOR
GSC STAFF/COACHES/PARTICIPANTS**

Do you have any of the below symptoms?			
1	a. Fever (greater than 38.0 C)?	YES	NO
	b. Cough?	YES	NO
	c. Shortness of breath / difficulty breathing?	YES	NO
	d. Sore throat?	YES	NO
	e. Runny nose?	YES	NO
2	Has anyone in your household experienced any of the above symptoms in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3	Have you, or anyone in your household travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
4	Have you, or anyone in your household been in contact in the last 14 days with someone who is being investigated as a suspected case of COVID-19?	YES	NO
5	Are you currently being investigated as a suspected case of COVID-19?	YES	NO
6	Have you tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days?	YES	NO

If an individual answers “YES” to any of the above questions, they are not permitted to participate in any in-person soccer activity for a minimum of 14 days.