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## WYSA Response to Coronavirus

With the increasing number of Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases being reported across the country, WYSA leadership has reviewed and will continue to monitor all intrastate and interstate programming and competitions. As part of this review, we are closely following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), US Youth Soccer and US Soccer (who is working in partnership with the CDC and international agencies including the State Department, United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC), International Olympic Committee (IOC) and FIFA in real time to guide decisions on travel and participation.) Our main priority is the safety and well-being of our players, coaches and referees and we will continue to update you as the situation requires.

### WYSA Programming

- All WYSA programming will proceed as scheduled, unless we advise otherwise as new information becomes available
- Cancellation of local events sanctioned by WYSA is the discretion of the host organization

### US Youth Soccer Programming

- [The National TOPSoccer Symposium has been postponed](#)
- [National League Play in Las Vegas has been canceled](#)
- All spring ODP international travel is being canceled
- Interstate competitions remain under review, but can proceed at discretion of participating teams, (based upon locations and the presence of the virus); this includes Midwest Conference Leagues
- Decisions about future programming including Regional and National events remain under review
- Official travel and event recommendations from US Youth Soccer are forthcoming

### No Handshake Policy:

As sanctioned competitions near please expect guidelines on a "no handshake" policy. Clubs can exhibit good sportsmanship and respect for opponents and match officials in other ways, such as lining up and saying "good game" or exchanging an "air high 5" with no physical contact involved.

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### Best Practices for Health:

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent the Coronavirus. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed. Everyday preventive actions should be taken:
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow the CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
  - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including Coronavirus.
  - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms to help prevent the spread of the disease.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

Additionally, there are a number of different resources and communications from the CDC regarding the Coronavirus that [you can watch HERE](#). Our primary commitment and focus at all times is the health and safety of our WYSA members.

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