



# Western Suburban Soccer League

## Coronavirus COVID-19 Statement (3/13/20)

WSSL Members,

With coronavirus (COVID-19) confirmed March 10 as arriving in Michigan and extended to 12 confirmed cases across multiple counties as of March 12, Western Suburban Soccer League (WSSL) will be expanding upon both the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) and State of Michigan's schools in suspending WSSL competitions through Sunday, April 12. This means any select-level games scheduled for April 4-12 should be rescheduled for later in the spring. The recreational game schedule will also be delayed and now begin no sooner than April 13.

Furthermore, we realize each club's leadership will do what they feel is best for their club within their area, but it is the WSSL recommendation – not a mandate – for clubs to also suspend practices/trainings through April 5, as well.

WSSL is keeping close tabs on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), MSYSA and various other state and national entities.

Symptoms of coronavirus may appear anywhere from 2-14 days after exposure, so we urge everyone to follow CDC guidelines for preventing the spread of coronavirus (as well as cold and flu).

- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick and contact your healthcare provider.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing and sneezing.
- 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.
  - The CDC does not recommend people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including the coronavirus.
  - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms to help prevent the spread of the disease.

Helpful links:

[CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Coronavirus website](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

[Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus)

We urge members to use their own discretion when scheduling/rescheduling games within the season's allowable revised schedule parameters (April 13-June 7) and in regard to common game-day procedures such as coin toss captain handshakes and post-game handshakes. We will continue to monitor the situation and those who are impacted by it.

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