

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**March 13, 2020**

**RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advisory Update to Membership**



In light of the local impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the concern for the wellbeing of our members across our South Texas community, the Executive Board has elected to suspend State play (State-operated League Play (DDL), State Tournaments, Games, and Programs) in South Texas through **March 31<sup>st</sup>**. South Texas Youth Soccer Member Association and Club play outside of State-operated programs may be played at our member's own discretion based on conditions in their area. Please remember to be respectful of any decision an individual or organization makes regarding the safety of their children and themselves.

State Spring Cup Schedule Adjustments due to the Suspension of Play

- South Texas Cup District Play weekend (March 28-29) will be adjusted one weekend to the Rain Date Weekend of April 4-5
- Any changes to Directors Cup District Play weekend (April 4-5) is currently being evaluated.
- There are no current changes to the Presidents Cup or NCS State Cup play date schedule.

South Texas Youth Soccer will continue to evaluate and monitor the situation on a regular basis with professional guidance from The Center for Disease Control, World Health Organization, the US State Department, FIFA and other health and security organizations. Should there be any change to our position or the duration of the suspension, South Texas Youth Soccer will update all parties involved and post information on our website and social media.

In response to preventative measures, we continue to encourage our membership to follow the [CDC](#) recommended actions to help limit the spread of Coronavirus and any respiratory disease including:

- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Staying 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.

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