

# PRESS RELEASE



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

In concern for the safety and welfare of our players, coaches, referees, administrators and their families, South Texas Youth Soccer has been diligently monitoring the Coronavirus outbreak.

South Texas is currently working with US Soccer to gather additional information as it pertains to the safety of playing the game within our state borders as well as traveling abroad, with our travel partner WorldStrides. The Center for Disease Control, World Health Organization, the US State Department, FIFA and other health and security organizations are additionally being consulted in this evaluation.

At this time, all competitions and programs operated by South Texas Youth Soccer will continue as scheduled. International travel spring trips with WorldStrides will be postponed effective immediately with more information coming to International attendees from WorldStrides. Should there be any change to our position, we will update all parties involved.

The [CDC](#) always recommends the following preventative actions to help prevent the spread of any respiratory diseases including:

- 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.

Please find additional resources and communications which may provide further answers to your questions or concerns.

- [CDC Overview of Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Disease 2019](#)
- [CDC FAQ on Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [CDC Travelers Health - Destination Listing Information](#)
- [U.S. Department of State – International Travel Information](#)
- [World Health Organization – Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee Coronavirus Updates](#)