



Coronavirus Information

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Team Officials, Players and Parents,

There are currently no confirmed cases of the Coronavirus in Alberta and the current risk as of today for Canadians is low. However, the Edmonton Minor Soccer Association would like to take a proactive approach to stop the spread of any germs should the virus become present in our Province.

Coronaviruses (CoV) are a large family of viruses that cause respiratory illnesses. Some coronaviruses can cause no or mild illness, like the common cold, but other coronaviruses can cause severe illness such as pneumonia.

Typical symptoms of the new strand of virus from China (2019-nCoV) include (but not limited to):

- fever
- difficulty breathing
- cough
- a general feeling of being unwell

The best prevention against Coronavirus is to:

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water
- Use alcohol based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available
- Cough and sneeze into your arm, sleeve or a tissue
- Stay home if you are sick
- If your symptoms worsen, visit your doctor or walk in clinic
- Do not share drinking glasses, water bottles, mouth guards or eating utensils

Players who display symptoms should be sent home immediately. Should it be confirmed that one of your players/coaching staff does have the Coronavirus please inform the EMSA office as soon as possible.

ADDITION: Due to a proactive approach to the Coronavirus situation, for the remainder of the regular season, at the end of all EMSA games players will not shake hands, both teams will stand in front of each other and cheer/clap for the other team, and then cheer/clap for the referees. Immediately after they will advance to their respective dressing rooms. This applies to all competitions and all genders and age groups.

*information from the Government of Canada health website and the World Health Organization.