



## Communication Protocol

### **Action & Communication protocol for all confirmed cases of COVID-19 (active participants only):**

- Early detection of symptoms will facilitate the immediate implementation of these control measures.
- A “case” is a single case of COVID-19, and an “outbreak” is two or more cases.
- To reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus, Chapters should put an immediate pause on any program or activity where a participant has been diagnosed with the virus.
- All coaches and volunteers should receive information and training on the Positive Case Protocols prior to the initial start of their program. Each program will be required to keep attendance records for each training session, event, etc. for contact tracing should there be a positive test.
- Any individual experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or who has been advised to self-isolate, is not permitted to attend program venues. Please consult the P/T Health Authority for the most up-to-date information on symptoms and recommendations.

### **If someone tests positive for COVID-19:**

Upon confirmation of a positive test for COVID-19, within 24 hours of notification, the athlete, parent/caregiver, coach, or volunteer must:

- Report the case to Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) if it was confirmed by an independent test and follow the protocols and instructions from SHA if the test was confirmed by SHA.
  - Inform the Head Coach and/or SOS CEO of the positive COVID-19 test along with all other contact tracing protocols provided by SHA/Public Health.
- Follow the P/T Health Authority guidelines for self-isolation and remain self-isolated until their Health Authority advises that it is safe to return to normal activities.

### **When the Head Coach is notified of a positive COVID-19 case, the Head Coach must:**

- Submit the program contact tracing records to the Health Authority.
- Respect privacy laws and do not reveal the name of any individual known to have COVID-19.
- Immediately inform the SOS CEO.



**When the SOS CEO is notified of a positive COVID-19 case, they must:**

- Inform the Community Manager for that program that there has been a positive test and the Health Authority has been notified.
- Inform the SOS DOP and DMD of the case.
- Provide key messaging for staff and local community members to ensure that all are providing a consistent message.
- Ensure all participants have been notified there has been a positive test and advise them to watch for signs of illness. They are to be informed that they can access further information on the P/T Healthy Authority's website.
- If the Health Authority has stated close contact risk, put the program on pause for a minimum of 14 days from the time of last program.

**If an outbreak occurs at a Special Olympics community program or event:**

- Suspend all other programs where cross over contacts have existed.
- SOS will conduct an investigation to establish any omissions to return to sport safety protocols.
- SOS will prepare response messaging for participants and media.