



COVID Advice when a child has tested positive

Inevitably, we have had a couple of confirmed cases of Covid already within our mini and junior section and hence we have been approached for advice as to what coaches / managers should do. Hopefully this will stay at a relatively low level but with the children returning to school and less restrictions in place generally it is extremely likely that these will not be isolated cases and we should expect more.

We have tried to gather advice from a few different parties and we consider the procedure below to be a common sense approach.

If a child is confirmed as testing positive for Covid we suggest the following:

Managers inform all parents within that age group – no mention of names for data protection. We feel it is really important to be open and honest with everyone so they can make informed decisions.

Obviously the individual who has shown symptoms or has tested positive is requested to not attend rugby until they are better and are testing negative again to protect others and prevent the spread.

Advise all others who have attended training / matches recently to carry out a lateral flow test if they are not already doing so for school and react accordingly to the result of that.

In line with guidance issued to the education sector no child in that age group (other than the individual confirmed as testing positive) needs to stay away for rugby unless they start to show any symptoms at which point advice is to take a PCR test. This advice also relates to other family / household members.

Generally we need to get the message out to all that this virus has not disappeared and is still very much with us so we need to be vigilant, use Pitchero to log availability / attendance for track and trace, keep an eye out for any symptoms, wash hands and kit and make common sense decisions with others in mind to help prevent any spread of infection.

Please share this information with parents and players so we can all do our bit to minimise the risk of an outbreak.

Many thanks.

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