

## L & C AFL Covid19 Infection Procedure

When a club secretary reports to the league that one or more of their players or team officials **has tested positive, or they have symptoms**, this procedure will be used by league officials to limit the spread of infection within participants in the league, and subsequently their families, colleagues, friends and the wider community.

It is our intention to organise the football we are responsible for in as safe an environment as possible.

This is the **basis of the procedure**, there will be numerous variations of circumstances, particularly with exposure to potential infection, cases where the infected person has not had a test, getting test results, and those that have had vaccination. Therefore, it is not possible to set out all of those scenarios here, it will have to be dealt with case by case.

**Ensure the Club Covid19 officer is involved and will be involved in discussions.**

**When were infected persons in contact with the team/opponents?**

Anyone who has been in contact with an infected person could incubate the virus for up to 11 days (but usually 5), before showing symptoms. If the player played the last Saturday, both the team, their opponents and referee need to be notified.

The club reporting the problem will be asked to contact their opponents and the referee. The fixture and referee's secretaries are to be informed.

The team which included the positive player will be asked to establish the vaccination status of all their club. Any who have been double vaccinated or are U18 need take no further action and are free to play/mix with their team. Those who have not completed their vaccination course are at risk, and NHS guidance advises their self-isolation and to take a PCR test, particularly if told to do so by test and trace. Anyone in doubt should take a lateral flow test, which are readily available. When a team confirms they do not have enough players to field a team in the fixture, it will be postponed.

If no further symptoms are shown and teams have enough players available then they should be able to resume playing the week after the postponement or cases, however this will be a joint decision between the league and the club Covid19 officer.

Their opponents and referee will be provided with alternative fixtures if possible.

**Did the team train together?**

Establish when this was, and whether they have socialised as a team. Also, in a multi-team club, whether other teams have been exposed. If other teams have been infected. they may have to miss the next match, this to be determined in the discussion. If the club have sufficient players left to field a team from the ones who are vaccinated or have tested negative they should fulfil the fixture.

**All club support in getting through this extremely challenging time is appreciated.**

**Note all the preceding applies to League fixtures, County cup fixtures are between County FA and the club concerned.**

L & C League Committee