

COVID-19 Update

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Breaking News, Fairfax County Public Schools has cancelled all community use activities conducted by groups not affiliated by FCPS beginning Saturday, March 14 until April 12, 2020. Due to this decision, FPYC is suspending operations and postponing the start of our Spring Season until April 12. During this time period we will review all options and communicate any spring sport updates as they develop.

We appreciate your patience as we all adjust to this ongoing situation. Below is the full FCPS email.

March 12, 2020

Dear FCPS Community,

As you may know, some school divisions in our region have announced school closures. These actions prompted a number of inquiries regarding the operating status of FCPS.

We have been in consultation with the Fairfax County Health Department and their experts continue to assure us that the coronavirus risk in our community remains low.

Our schools remain open. Other school divisions in Northern Virginia are also staying open.

I want to share with you a statement from Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu, Health Director, Fairfax County.

"I support the Fairfax County Public School's decision to remain open at this time. To date, the individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 in Fairfax have been associated with travel to affected areas or are close contacts of people who have been diagnosed with COVID-19. They contracted the illness through direct exposure rather than through sustained community spread. Schools serve an important and vital function in our community. Keeping schools open, whenever possible, is critical at this time. If, and when, it is determined that our contact investigations show any connection to the school system, we would provide closure guidance and recommendations. These would be based on sound, public health principles. If a confirmed case of COVID-19 is identified in a school (staff or student), our recommendation would be to close that particular school for 2-14 days, depending on the level of exposures, for cleaning and contact tracing. We would monitor students and staff and re-open after that time."

FCPS, however, is taking additional actions today and we want to update you.

- *Effective Saturday, March 14, all extracurricular activities, interscholastic contests, and after-school programs are canceled until April 12. SACC centers will remain open.*

- *Effective Saturday, March 14, all community use activities conducted by groups not affiliated with FCPS are canceled until April 12.*
- *Effective Saturday, March 14, all field trips are canceled through April 12. As you know, we had previously canceled all overnight trips and day trips to New York through April 12.*

We will share with you updates about today's decisions by March 31.

Monday, March 16, remains a student holiday/staff development day.

We are also reviewing our food service and food handling procedures. Please be assured that we are working with our community partners to maintain food distribution to children and families throughout our community. Local food banks and non-profit organizations that run weekend backpack and emergency food programs are essential partners in this effort.

Many of our schools and PTAs are canceling school-based events due to anticipated low turnout. We fully understand the decisions being made by the event organizers as we recognize the ongoing concern among our families. We truly hope that many of these events will be rescheduled as we recognize they are an important part of a student's educational experience.

We will continue to keep you updated as new developments emerge. We are doing our very best to make decisions in the best interest of our students and staff. Thank you for your cooperation to ensure we are providing the healthiest and safest environment possible.

Sincerely,

Scott Brabrand, Superintendent

Fairfax County Public Schools

03/12/20 2pm

Dear FPYC Parents, Players and Fans:

As I am certain you are aware, COVID-19 is impacting our community. While the situation is very fluid and we are following information that is provided by the CDC, Virginia Department of Health and Fairfax County for recommendations on suspension of events. While many major sports are cancelling events due to the large crowds associated with their events, other smaller gatherings are permitted to proceed.

At this time, we will continue with the Spring Season. While we believe this is the right decision at this time, this may change at any time. We will post updated information on our website, and in an email blast to all participants.

Please consider your personal situation and health when making a decision to attend any event.

The following guidelines should be followed for your health and for any event:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. NO HANDSHAKES for any participants.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, and then throw the tissue in the trash. Do not reuse any tissue.
- 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. The CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from the 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 (sing Happy Birthday twice), 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.
- Be respectful of everyone and if you (parents, fans or players) show any signs of being sick, and please refrain from attending any practice, game or event.
- If you attend any practice, game or event, please adhere to social distancing as a courtesy to everyone.
- If you are in a high risk group, please refrain from attending practices, games or events with large groups to avoid crowds.

FPYC appreciates your continued support and we are very appreciative of your understanding in these unprecedented circumstances.

For additional information please see the CDC and Virginia Department of Health websites. Please adhere to communications from the CDC and/or Virginia Department of Health.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html>

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/surveillance-and-investigation/novel-coronavirus/>

Sincerely,

Anne Hoffman, President