

COVID-19 FAQs

Due to the ever-changing nature of COVID-19, this document will be updated regularly. If you feel that your question hasn't been answered, please email info@kentfa.com



1. What do we do if a player in our team tests positive for COVID-19 or displays symptoms?

The player must self isolate from the point they either test positive or display symptoms. The player should contact NHS 111 and report to NHS Test and Trace. The Club can carry on, but be mindful to ensure all the guidelines are strictly followed on social distancing, hand washing etc.

2. What do we do if an opposition player has tested positive for COVID-19 or displays symptoms?

Match play is not considered 'close contact' so no action is needed. However, if anyone displays symptoms then they must follow the protocol of self isolating and contacting NHS Test and Trace.

3. What do we do if there is a regional or local 'lockdown'?

Clubs must always consider whether there are local restrictions in place in their area. If so, clubs should first read the guidance relevant to their area as this may supersede FA guidance and therefore also football activity. We will be working with Local Authorities to determine what restrictions should be put in place, if appropriate.

4. What do we do if there is an injury? is it safe for a player to be treated?

if a participant gets injured, a member of their household can assist if present and appropriate. Other people (including match officials, teammates and coaches) will need to socially distance unless a life or limb-threatening injury necessitates compromising guidelines to provide emergency care.

If there is a first-aider or medical personnel present, they should be equipped with the appropriate PPE before treating anyone to protect themselves and others if they need to compromise social-distancing guidelines to provide medical assistance.

5. What do we do if a player has had COVID-19 but is now recovered – can they play? Do they need a negative test?

As long as the player is no longer symptomatic and has fully recovered then it would be fine for them to play, without a negative test, as long as they have finished the specified quarantine period. However, the player should follow advice from a medical professional on when is best to return to exercise. They should also not rush back if they do not feel well enough.

6. What do I do if I am a healthcare worker and I am regularly in contact with people with COVID-19 – can I play?

As long as you do not have any symptoms (as is the case for any other participant) and are not self-isolating, then you are able to play. Please adhere to Government guidance on this.

7. What do we do if a player, parent or coach shows COVID-19 symptoms before, during or after a match?

All players, officials, volunteers and spectators must undergo a self-assessment for any COVID-19 symptoms and complete a full risk assessment, as set out in The FA's guidance. No-one should leave home to participate in football if they, or someone they live with, has any of the following:

***A high temperature** (above 37.8C)*

A new, continuous cough

A loss of, or change to, their sense of smell or taste

If a participant becomes COVID-19 symptomatic during the activity, they should immediately remove themselves from the session and return home as soon as possible. NHS guidance on further management of symptoms should be followed.

