**COVID-19 Guidance for Northamptonshire County Cups**

Dear all clubs,

Please find below the guidance issued by the FA in relation to COVID-19 and the latest guidance:

If a player tests positive on a team there is not a need for the other players to self-isolate, unless they were in close contact, have been contacted by Test and Trace, have developed symptoms or tested positive themselves.

Therefore, players and clubs should consider how they can reduce the likelihood of close contact occurring.

Following amendments to the Covid-19 rules on Monday 16th August 2021 on self-isolation, those individuals who are double-jabbed or under-18 no longer need to self-isolate after being identified as a close contact of a positive Covid-19 case, even if that person is within the same household. However, they are strongly advised to get their own free PCR test as soon as possible.

Counties are generally asking for proof that a team cannot fulfil a fixture by way of positive cases and/or self-isolating if players have not yet had both jabs, and so the only way to judge this is to see medical proof – either a positive test result or self-isolation notice issues by email or text from the NHS.