

I posted via Facebook (not considering that NOT everyone “does” Facebook) regarding a COVID19 positive player in our League. By now, I’m sure that some of you have heard, but I wanted to post on our Members Services Notification App so that I can keep everyone informed.

On Thursday, June 4th, I visited three Host Locations. On my final visit, at the home of Division 040/041, I visited with everybody in the bar. I also hugged (without my mask pulled up) the person who later tested positive for COVID19. This person was asymptomatic, and while I knew better, we were all excited to see each other—please continue to practice social distancing, even though I know it’s difficult. This individual felt fine. They had no symptoms (and still show no symptoms, as I check in with this person daily). The only reason the person got tested was because of an upcoming surgery, which is now a standard precaution.

They got tested on Friday (5th), received their results on Monday (8th), began a quarantine, and notified their teammates. I found out on Tuesday morning (9th) (because Mondays are my day off). I made the decision to get tested. I did not get tested because I exhibited any symptoms, but because I have a compromised immune system and wanted to keep myself and everyone safe. By the way, I tested negative and have had no positive results shared with me so far from anyone else who has been tested (hopefully this trend will continue). It was only common sense that I spoke to our players myself, personally, to discuss any multi-night league play that they might have.

During this time, we had a second player who felt fine on League night but fell ill over the weekend following, from a different division, on a different night, and at a different Host Location. It was two “sister” teams playing each other on 6/3 and their Division had just restarted. Again, following protocol, we were also able to stop those teams from playing any other teams in their Division. Those teams are now sitting out for two weeks. The positive player notified their whole team (many have already been tested) and common players are also sitting out for the required two weeks if there was interaction with the positive player.

Regarding Division 012/013 and the suspension of play for 2 weeks, Cyndi and I took a very aggressive stance, because a possible cross contamination percentage was, frankly, low in our opinion. The safety of our players and their loved ones comes first: Family first...and our League is our family. These are unprecedented times for all of us. No decision is going to be viewed as 100% right or wrong. All we can do is try and learn. Please respect one another, love one another, support one another and follow all health and safety guidelines to help protect one another.

We cannot thank our Host Locations enough for working through this with us. APA would not exist without its Host Locations. They have sacrificed a great deal for the safety of our country and its citizens during this time, and we believe they will do everything they can reasonably do to provide the safest environment possible for all of us. That being said, APA does not have the right to tell its Host Locations how to operate their businesses. We will however continue to work closely with our Host Locations to address and resolve safety concerns to the best of our ability. The Host Locations involved in this case have contacted the local health department and were told as long as they got their staff tested (which they did, none of whom are will return to work until negative

results come back), and as long as they were following the disinfectant guidelines (which they are), that they were fine to remain open.

One last thing, to our friends, our loved ones, our family, regardless of how you might feel regarding this issue there is a fact here in Alabama. The numbers are rising, as are the numbers of people being tested. The CDC recommends wearing face coverings in public. This is not mandatory, but please think about it for everyone's safety and peace of mind. I wear my mask to protect you. Please keep practicing social distancing (this is still a mandate). When I released our "Safer At Play" Measures, there were guidelines that were **NON-NEGOTIABLE** (no lagging for the break – you must flip the coin, letting the shooting player return to their sitting table **BEFORE** approaching the table for your shot, and having your own chalk). Our Host Locations are still at the 50% capacity and tables are still to be of parties of 8 set at 6 feet apart from others.