April 3, 2021

Dear Families of Severna Park High School Varsity Boys Soccer Players:

I am writing to inform you that we have been made aware that a student-athlete in our varsity boys soccer program has tested positive for COVID-19. The student-athlete last participated with the team in its March 30, 2021, game.

As is our ongoing practice when we learn of positive results, we have had conversations with the Anne Arundel County Department of Health as to the proper course of action. Anyone identified as a close contact will be notified and will need to quarantine for 14 days. The quarantine period is not impacted and cannot be reduced by a negative COVID-19 test. All persons quarantining must complete the quarantine period without exhibiting symptoms. Please note that an individual’s quarantine timeline could be extended if there is ongoing exposure, such as might occur if a household member is sick with COVID-19.

All other members of the varsity team, both players and coaches, are considered potential exposures. They will not need to quarantine and, absent any symptoms or other illnesses, may continue to be in our school building and continue with the team’s season.

Additionally, we recommend that everyone involved in the March 30, 2021, game be tested for COVID-19. A list of testing sites operated by the Anne Arundel County Department of Health can be found here. Other testing sites are available throughout the county. The quarantine period is unaffected by the results of a COVID-19 test.

It is important to understand that we are in the midst of a pandemic. All of our programs take the necessary precautions in order to operate and no one is at fault for the spread of this virus. It is in a time like this that we all must support each other, and I know that we will do that.

The athletics program our county has put in place contains protocols that keep individual teams from interacting or sharing spaces with each other. Thus, practices in all our athletics programs will continue with the schedule we have established.

Should you have questions about the operations of our athletic program, please call the school.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Bathras
Principal

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