

## **BIFC 2020-2021 Season: Important message regarding Covid-19**

7 August 2020

Dear BIFC Parents,

BIFC restarted training operations with some teams on 16 May and many teams continued training until 9 July. During this time, we did not have any reported Covid-19 case within our Club. We would like to thank you for your support and cooperation with the inconvenient measures we had to take during this time,.

In order to protect our players, parents, referees, coaches and everyone supporting our operations, as well as clubs we play against, BIFC is committed to operating safely in accordance with the Covid-19 rules and guidance of the Swiss Federal and Cantonal authorities, the Swiss Football Association and the Football Association of North-West Switzerland, and the various sports facilities.

We depend upon your continued support, co-operation and compliance in order to safely continue our operations, whether at training, at matches, or any other events. All of us share this responsibility.

The situation continues to be fluid and governments and authorities around the world are reacting to the detection of rising and falling numbers of cases, as the first wave ends and second, or even third waves arrive.

BIFC's great cultural diversity, which has given the club its vibrancy and strength, also means that our members travel much more than the general population. Thus, to avoid importing the virus we kindly ask you to fully comply with any quarantine requirements set out by the Swiss authorities (see list of countries attached), and not send your children to training if unwell, or showing a symptom consistent with Covid-19 infection. Please notify the team coach if your son / daughter cannot attend training or matches due to illness.

Attached are i) BIFC's Protection Concept valid from 6 June 2020, an ii) the latest guidance we have from the Football Association of North-West Switzerland, which takes account the Federal and Cantonal regulations and guidance in force on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020 (original German version and English translation). These set out very clearly what we need to do. We ask that you take the time to read these documents and explain their contents to your children.

In addition, local regulations will be in place at each sports facility that we use for training or visit to play matches. It is important we also fully co-operate and comply with these regulations. Those relating to our training fields (ISB Reinacherhof, ISB Aesch, Erlenhof)

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will be provided to you separately, and coaches/team managers can provide on the spot explanations.

We will be issuing updates to Covid-19 guidance at regular intervals and when the guidance changes. When launched, we will maintain a full set of Covid-19 documents on the Club website. If you have any questions or comments, please contact: John Griffin ([jg@bifc.ch](mailto:jg@bifc.ch); Tel. +41 76 532 9888)

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping us all safe.

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## Annex 1

Countries from which those arriving must complete 10 days quarantine taken from lists valid from 23 July 2020 and 8 August 2020. For the latest information, please see the [FOPH website](#).

- Argentina
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan (if arriving between 23 July and 23:59 7 August 2020)
- **The Bahamas (if arriving from 00:00 8 August 2020)**
- Bahrain
- Bolivia
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Brazil
- Cape Verde
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Eswatini (Swaziland)
- **Equatorial Guinea (if arriving from 00:00 8 August 2020)**
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Iraq
- Israel
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Kosovo
- Kuwait
- Luxembourg
- Maldives
- Mexico
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- North Macedonia
- Occupied Palestinian Territory
- Oman
- Panama
- Peru
- Qatar
- **Romania (if arriving from 00:00 8 August 2020)**
- **Russia (if arriving between 23 July and 23:59 7 August 2020)**
- **São Tomé and Príncipe (if arriving from 00:00 8 August 2020)**
- Saudi Arabia
- Serbia
- **Singapore (if arriving from 00:00 8 August 2020)**
- **Sint Maarten (if arriving from 00:00 8 August 2020)**
- **Spain (with the exception of the Balearic and Canary Islands) (if arriving from 00:00 8 August 2020)**
- South Africa

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- Suriname
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- **United Arab Emirates (if arriving between 23 July and 23:59 7 August 2020)**
- United States of America (including Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands)