

METRO TACOMA FENCING CLUB

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Dear Metro Tacoma Fencing Club Families and Friends,

Metro Tacoma Fencing Club (MTFC) continues to work on our class and private lesson schedule in order to accommodate as many fencers and families as we can and to continue to support our three dedicated, full-time coaches. Our plan is to continue to offer Zoom classes, introductory clinics, beginner classes, intermediate fencing, family fencing, private lessons, competitive classes, and elite classes. We are required to limit class sizes with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; our coaches are working harder than ever. We now have scheduled activities every day of the week. Please check our website at tacomafencing.com to learn more about our current schedule. Governor Inslee recently issued updated [guidance](#) on 6 October for us to help keep everyone safe which we are following.

We are very thankful to the City of Lakewood for the generous \$10,000 grant we were awarded and have received as part of the CARES act. We have also applied for forgiveness of the funding received through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). There are two grants through Pierce County that we have recently submitted: one for rent assistance and another for small business relief. The majority of our grants are supporting coach salaries. And of course, we cannot thank our generous families and friends enough for all they have given our club to keep it open through these difficult times.

Perhaps the best way you can help support our club right now is to spread the word about our introduction to fencing clinics. These are one time sessions for new fencers that last for 2 hours. Your friends and family can sign up by going to tacomafencing.com and choosing the *Introductory Clinics (Try fencing!)* option at the bottom. It is usually \$30 for 2 hours but with a limited-time coupon code of "FRIEND" the cost is \$15. Fencing is terrific physical fitness and mental exercise. It is a lifelong sport.

Fencing competitions are still currently on hold and not allowed in Washington State. Our friends at Northwest Fencing Center (NWFC) in Oregon just announced that they will not to host any regional or national events for the remainder of the 2020/2021 season. This was due to the inability to host quality events and their caring for the safety of the athletes and their families. We very much respect this decision. And we look forward to seeing our friends again in Oregon when we can safely do so.

Thank you again for being such an important part of our community. You can reach us at info@tacomafencing.com with any questions, comments, or concerns.

With much appreciation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Toby Lee".

Toby Lee, MD on behalf of Diane Bartels, MD, Deborah Li, Jose Porras, Jiyon Kim, Lisa Wonneberg,
and Joy Kim
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