

METRO TACOMA FENCING CLUB

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Dear Metro Tacoma Fencing Club Family,

Effective immediately, Metro Tacoma Fencing Club (MTFC) is closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All classes and lessons are cancelled until further notice.

As a board charged with guiding and directing the club, we did not make this decision lightly. We have been communicating multiple times a day with each other as we gather updated recommendations from the Pierce County Health Department, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organization (WHO), and USA Fencing. However, in light of Governor Jay Inslee's order today to close all K-12 schools in King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties until April 24, we believe that closing our club is the safest and wisest decision to make to protect the health of our fencing community. We are hoping to receive further guidance from the Department of Health for athletic clubs and facilities in the coming days. If we are able to reopen in a limited capacity with private and small groups, we will do so. Please watch your e-mail for more information.

We know you have many questions. We are trying to find the best path forward at this time. We are trying to balance the needs of our fencers and the health of our extended community while at the same time supporting our dedicated coaches and making sure our club stays viable going forward. Please e-mail your questions to deborah@tacomafencing.com. The Board will meet many times virtually over the coming days to discuss these questions and get answers to our community as quickly as possible. Please bear with us during this unprecedented situation.

Thank you for your understanding and support,

Toby Lee, MD, Diane Bartels, MD, Deborah Li, Jiyon Kim, Lisa Wonneberg, Jose Porras, Joy Kim
Metro Tacoma Fencing Club (MTFC) Board of Directors