

Michigan State HC Tom Izzo Tests Positive For COVID-19



Tom Izzo tested positive for COVID-19.

The Hall of Fame men's basketball coach for Michigan State tested positive Monday morning with a daily antigen test, and a polymerase chain-reaction test confirmed the presumptive positive.

"This morning I tested positive for COVID-19," Izzo said in a statement. "Although I have some minor symptoms, I remain in good health. I've been extremely diligent for many months now, wearing my mask in public and around the office, while adhering to social distancing guidelines.

"I've been racking my brain, trying to figure out if there was a time where I let my guard down for just an instance. And while I haven't identified any area of exposure, what I have determined is that this shows the power of the virus. You'd be hard pressed to find a coach who's taken more precautions than I have, following all the protocols put in place by our medical team, and yet I still contracted the virus.

"Technology will allow me to stay connected with my staff and our players, and I'll have plenty of time to watch film. I'll listen to our outstanding medical staff, and follow their directions and take all the steps necessary to return as soon as possible."

Following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Big Ten, Izzo can return to team activities with his team on Nov. 17, marking the end of a 10-day isolation period following his initial symptoms, which Izzo first experienced on Nov. 7.

Izzo, who has one four national coach of the year awards, thanked everyone for supporting him during this time before urging others to stay safe while COVID-19 runs rampant.

"I appreciate the support from my family, my team and the Michigan State fan base, but if I could ask for one favor, I'd urge everyone to continue to listen to the medical experts and follow their advice," Izzo said. "I'm proof that no one is immune, but I still believe that there are steps everyone can take to reduce their chances of contracting the virus."

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