

Russian Footballer Pogrebnyak Hospitalized With Coronavirus

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Pavel Pogrebnyak. **Andrew Matthews / PA Images / TASS**

Russia's veteran international striker Pavel Pogrebnyak has been hospitalized with the coronavirus, his wife and lifestyle guru Maria Shatalova said Monday.

Pogrebnyak's current team, FC Ural Yekaterinburg, had [said](#) that the 36-year-old had mild Covid-19 symptoms and was "feeling good" when it announced Friday that he fell ill.

Shatalova [said](#) earlier that she believes her husband became infected on a plane en route to training camp after Russian players resumed work ahead of the league's plan to restart on June 21.

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"My husband's still in hospital," Shatalova [wrote](#) on Instagram.

“He has a high fever and a cough. It quickly developed into double pneumonia,” Shatalova [wrote](#), referring to an infection that affects both lungs.

Shatalova added that she, their three sons and two grandmothers are recovering from Covid-19 at home.

Pogrebnyak has 33 caps for the Russian national team and played for Fulham and Reading in the early to mid 2010s.

Russia has the world’s third-most coronavirus cases, totaling 353,427 as of Monday.

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