

MEMO

DATE: 9/20/2020

TO: WYS Board of Directors

FROM: COVID Safety Officer

RE: Waltham Youth Soccer COVID Guidelines

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Disclaimer: Participants, parents, family and spectators taking part in soccer and soccer related activities do so with the knowledge of risk and potential exposure involved. In doing so they agree to accept any and all inherent risks to their personal health.

Spectators/Guardians - any person, 18 years of age or older, designated by the Parent or Legal Guardian to be with the child while attending sanctioned soccer activities. The Exception includes any spectator who is responsible for other minors and is not able to have them cared for by others is permitted to be in attendance as a spectator with such children with them at all times.

Spectators/Guardians will:

1. **Ensure** that the temperature of their participant is below 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit before every session.
2. **Ensure** only one (1) spectator per participant and that you cannot be on the turf field. Exceptions granted for parents/guardians to bring their 1st and/or 2nd grader the first couple of weeks.
3. **Wear** face coverings during all soccer activities. Facial covering must be masks with ear loops. No exceptions.
4. **Follow** all [Mass Youth Soccer Return to Soccer Activities Guidelines](#).
5. **Avoid** carpooling with other members of the team.
6. **Arrive** at their field no earlier than 5 minutes prior to their scheduled arrival time.
7. **Maintain** social distance of 6 feet at all times.
8. **Avoid** any handshakes, fist or elbow bumps, or any other physical contact.
9. **Leave** immediately after their session.

Coaches will:

1. **Wear** face coverings during all soccer activities. Facial covering must be masks with ear loops. No exceptions.
2. **Follow** all [Mass Youth Soccer Return to Soccer Activities Guidelines](#).

3. **Ensure** accurate attendance for all practice and game sessions. Attendance must be kept on WYS official attendance spreadsheet shared with coaches in a communication on 9/17/2020. Be prepared to share this with league or health officials at ANY time throughout the season.
 4. **Prevent** handshakes, fist or elbow bumps, or any other physical contact to the best of their abilities.
 5. **Ensure** all athletes have their individual equipment. (Ball, water bottle, GK Gloves etc.) Ensure player's personal belongings (bags, coats, sweatshirts) remain in their personal space and are kept physically distanced from the belongings of others. Do not allow sharing of personal items
 6. **Ask** each athlete if they are experiencing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. If the athlete has any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 they should be sent home and instructed to contact their healthcare provider. They will not be allowed to return to training until they are cleared by a healthcare provider. A doctor's note must be provided.
 7. **Identify** where appropriate infection prevention supplies (e.g. hand sanitizer, facial tissues, facial coverings) are present at the field.
 8. **Leave** immediately after their session.
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Players will:

1. **Wear** face coverings during all soccer activities. Facial covering must be masks with ear loops. No exceptions.
 2. **Follow** all [Mass Youth Soccer Return to Soccer Activities Guidelines](#).
 3. **Arrive** at their field no earlier than 5 minutes prior to their scheduled arrival time.
 4. **Bring** a water bottle, towel, personal hygiene products (hand sanitizer, facial tissues, face coverings), chair (if desired) and dark and light shirt (in lieu of shared scrimmage vests).
 5. **Use** their own equipment and sanitize their equipment after every training session.
 6. **Avoid** any handshakes, fist or elbow bumps, or any other physical contact.
 7. **Leave** immediately after their session.
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Field Operators will:

1. **Wear** face coverings during all soccer activities. Facial covering must be masks with ear loops. No exceptions.
2. **Follow** all [Mass Youth Soccer Return to Soccer Activities Guidelines](#).
3. **Log** persons (name and phone number or name and email address) who remain on site for a sustained period of time to facilitate contact tracing, including staff, participants, and spectators.

4. **Limit** access to equipment storage and office space to employees only. First aid kits should be available at the playing area or court rather than in an office, where possible.
 5. **Post** visible signage throughout the site to remind employees and visitors of hygiene and safety protocols.
 6. **Remove** benches from all soccer fields. All chairs must be spaced according to physical distancing rules. (6' apart) If you can not remove benches and bleachers, they are allowed to open ONLY if six feet of distance can be maintained between each participant at all times and they can be thoroughly cleaned using CDC recommended cleaning protocols between uses.
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If someone contracts COVID-19, the following steps will be followed:

1. The Coach will notify their COVID Team Coordinator (CTC).
2. The CTC will notify The COVID Safety Officer (CSO).
3. The CTC will notify all members of the team and their guardians.
4. The CSO will notify appropriate authorities, including the Waltham Health Department and the WYS Board.
5. All training and games sessions will be canceled for 14 days for this team.