

FALL 2020 COVID-19 FWYSA RETURN-TO-PLAY PROTOCOLS

Safe Return to Play.

Purpose:

Fort Worth Youth Soccer Association's (FWYSA) COVID-19 related Protocols are meant to guide FWYSA, parents, players, coaches, referees, board members and staff as we all work to restart community soccer through practices, scrimmages and games in a reasonably safe manner, based on the information currently known from and through our national, state, county and city governments and/or health / medical agencies supporting our various levels of government. As we do our best to safely restart community soccer, we recognize the fact that FWYSA's sustainability and growth is highly dependent on our ability to maintain the communities' trust in our handling of Covid-19 issues as we return to community soccer activities. These protocols are meant to be a living document that may be revised as circumstances or guidance changes.

Screening:

All coaches, parents, referees, field monitors and staff will be provided with a copy of these protocols and will be required to self-enforce these protocols in order to attend practices, scrimmages and/or games.

Criteria for attending/participating in community soccer events associated with FWYSA (practices, scrimmages and/or games):

- No signs or symptoms of COVID-19 (requiring negative responses to the below questions) in the past 14 days. If an athlete, coach, referee, parent or other game attendee has been diagnosed with a documented case of COVID-19 infection, notice of such will need to be provided to FWYSA and a signed note from that individual's doctor clearing that individual to participate in practice, scrimmages and games must be provided to FWYSA before they will be allowed to do so again.
- No close sustained contact with anyone who is sick within 14 days of the soccer event. Since the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 can be fairly non-specific and not just respiratory symptoms, it is recommended that athletes, coaches and attendees should not be in close sustained contact with anyone who is sick for 14 days prior to soccer events. This requirement reduces the risk of introducing COVID-19 into the FWYSA community who may have COVID-19 but isn't experiencing any symptoms yet.

Questions to be answered by all prior to practices, scrimmages or games – affirmative answer to any question below requires non-attendance or non-participation at any such soccer activities

- Do you have a fever > 100.4?
- Do you currently have a cough or shortness of breath (other than asthma)?
- In the past two weeks, have you or anyone in your household travelled international or domestically?

- In the past two weeks, have you or anyone in your household been exposed to any individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19?
- Are you experiencing of the following symptoms:
 - Chills or shaking?
 - Muscles aches and pains?
 - New loss of taste or smell?
 - Vomiting or diarrhea?
 - Sore Throat?
 - Cough?
 - Fever?

Practice, Scrimmage and Game Protocols:

- Only players and coach on the field.
- No shared equipment.
- In order to manage the social distancing requirements at FWYSA 's venues, we recommend only ONE spectator attend each match per participant, who must socially distance from all other than their participant/participants. If at any point social distancing is not manageable on your sideline, the team coach and or manager will be responsible for assuring social distancing, in order to stay compliant. (If at any time, State or Local orders require us to reduce the number of spectators, each team must comply.) All spectators must follow social distancing guidelines as outlined by the State, Local and Municipal Authorities which includes maintaining a 6-foot distance between you and other spectators. At risk spectators including elderly or those with underlying health conditions should consider not attending our events. If approaching a staff member, medical staff or any individual that is not in your immediate family a mask or face covering is mandatory.
- Maintain Social Distancing at bathrooms, which will be monitored at game fields by FWYSA.
- Each player is expected to bring their own ball, water, and hand sanitizer with name on it and kept with parent.
- Screening by parents and coach through use of above questions required prior to each practice, scrimmage and/or game.
- Player Registration acknowledgement allowing child to practice, scrimmage and play games in accordance with these protocols. Attendance at practices, scrimmages and/or games by others will be at their own risk and will constitute a waiver of liability against FWYSA, Staff ,Coaches and Referees for all such attendees for issues related to COVID-19.
- Face Coverings are mandatory for everyone (over the age of 10) that is entering FWYSA's venues Spectators/non- participants must wear a face covering at all times. Players, Registered Coaches, and Referees may remove their face coverings while participating in matches. Failure to comply with the face covering requirement could results in penalties for your team which could include your removal or your Coach's removal.
- Observe social distancing during ingress and egress routes.

- No spectators on the bleachers, parents / attendees need to bring their own chairs and observe social distancing rules between members of different households.
- No huddles with coaches.
- In order maintain proper social distancing in and around fields please adhere to the field markings for spectators. This includes staying 6 feet back from the A/R.
- Please do not arrive or enter the complex any sooner than 35 minutes in advance of game time. When your team's game is over, promptly gather your items and exit the complex. The incoming team and spectators should not enter their field area until the previous team has exited. No team meetings on or around the field after your match, there are areas outside of our complexes where you may gather to meet for post-game meetings.

Best Practices:

- Encourage social distancing when not actively engaged in play.
- Grandparents are those at higher risk are encouraged not to attend.
- Parents make the final decision on whether their child should participate (assuming no affirmative answers to above questions).
- Packaged snacks only are allowed for younger ages.
- No handshakes or high fives with team or coach. After game line up in front of your bench and bow toward the other team as a sign of respect for the game.
- Leave the field immediately after your practice, scrimmage and/or game.

If you have attended our event and test positive for Covid-19, it is your responsibility to notify us immediately to prevent further spread. Notify you team and any others you have been in contact .so they may self-quarantine or take further action as needed

At any time during a pandemic we may be forced into a delay or add restrictions on you youth sports per state and local authorities. We will do our best to keep you informed of all changes as we will comply with state and local jurisdiction.