



NYSWYSA COVID 19 – Protocols

NYSWYSA programming will operate in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the State of New York, the Centers for Disease Control, US Soccer, US Youth Soccer and New York West Youth Soccer Association. A detailed account of these guidelines can be found in their entirety here: <http://nyswysa.org/nyswysa-return-to-play-update>

The following is a list of responsibilities that participants in NYSWYSA programming will be expected to follow until further notice:

Players:

- If you are not comfortable with returning to play, Don't!!!
- Follow all Return to Play Protocols - Players must check-in upon arrival at session with designated coach or program director.
- Do not share any equipment, water or food.
- Wash hands thoroughly before, during and after all sessions.
- Ensure all equipment: ball, footwear, water bottle, shin guards etc. are sanitized before and after each session.
- Athletes should come prepared with:
 - Clean and appropriate soccer attire for each session.
 - Mask on, when entering and exiting the training site, but not required during training (optional).
 - Hand Sanitizer/Sanitizer Wipes.
 - Soccer bag: (clearly labeled).
 - Labeled water bottle – type: mouth spout is covered by lid and not to open air.
 - Tissues for any allergies or to blow nose.
- Place soccer bag/gear 6 feet away from everyone (you will be directed to a designated area).
- No hand-shakes, High 5's, fist bumps or group celebrations. Avoid unnecessary and deliberate contact.
 - No handling of equipment by players (only coaches will handle cones, pinnies, goals, etc.).

Parents:

- If you are not comfortable with returning to play, Don't!!! You make the decision when your child returns to play.
- Follow all Return to Play Protocols – Players must check-in upon arrival at session with designated coach/program director
- Check child's temperature before every session/game.
- Ensure all clothing is washed after each session/game.

- Ensure all equipment: ball, footwear, water bottle, shin guards, etc. and clothing are sanitized before and after each session
- Follow all social distance requirements for Drop off and Pick up (we prefer parents watch from their car if possible, if that is not possible, no more than two spectators per child may watch at field-side).
- If/when watching at the field, masks are required, social distancing must be observed (6 feet from anyone other than family) and you must remain 10 feet away from the perimeter of the field of play.
- Ensure players have plenty of their own water
- If your child exhibits COVID symptoms, do not attend the session
 - Symptoms: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/protect-yourself-and-your-family-coronavirus-covid-19>
- Notify your coach/program director immediately if your child becomes ill for any reason.

General:

- All participants (players, parents, coaches) must wear a mask when entering and exiting the playing site/facility.
- With the exception of the first session (for organizational purposes), arrive no sooner than ten minutes before the start time of your training session. Depart within 10 minutes after your training session (no lingering).
- Players/Parents must check a child’s temperature and monitor for any symptoms BEFORE leaving their home for any session/event and upon arrival at the session, check-in with the designated coach/program director.
- Parents must always follow drop-off, pick-up protocol and spectator social distancing standards.
- When not on the field and playing soccer – players must have a mask on and be 6 feet from all other individuals.
 - During short on-field instruction breaks – observe distance protocol of 6 feet.
 - When off the field for short water breaks – observe distance protocol of 6 feet.
 - When off the field for extended breaks – observe distance protocol of 6 feet with mask on.
- Only coaches will touch/handle equipment (IE. cones, pinnies, goals, etc.). There will be no sharing of pinnies among players. If pinnies are used, the player will use the same pinnie for the duration of the training session and return it at the end of the training session (for washing).
- Coaches will wear a face mask at all times, but can remove masks while playing with the players, training the players and maintaining 6 feet distance protocols.

Identification of COVID Exposure

- Parents of participants will notify the proper authorities per New York State Health Department guidelines if the participant or someone in the participant’s home is presumptive positive or tests positive for COVID.
- New York West Youth Soccer Association will follow New York State and CDC guidelines for proper protocols related to contact tracing procedures.

COVID Point of Contact

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