

AYSO #1026 Safety Protocol-COVID19

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1. Coaches must comply with the city, county, and state orders as required in regards to wearing masks. **Coaches are required to wear a mask at all times.**

2. All players **are required** to wear a mask to and from the practice field. They will not be required to wear them during the active training session. Players will be allowed to wear masks throughout the entire practice if they choose to do so. **During a game setting, players will be asked to wear their mask when not actively playing and on the sideline.**

3. If during the training session, a group discussion is taking place, then masks shall be worn (e.g. beginning and end of practice).

4. Upon arrival to the field, coaches will set up cones that are >6ft apart. Players will place their belongings (water, bags, other) next to the cone. Players will be instructed to stay by their cone until the start of practice. The coach will provide instructions to the players, and those players not feeling well will remain at the cone. (Reference 11.0 for next steps)

5. All players are instructed to social distance. Players touching other players will be prohibited. No hugging, handshakes, high-fives, fist bumps, elbow bumps, or any other physical contact.

6. Players shall refrain from touching their face, eyes, mouth, or face. Sneezing and coughing should be covered by arm/bend of elbow.

7. Players will be asked to carry hand sanitizer in their bags, for use during water breaks.

8. Water bottles should be clearly marked with the players name so no water bottles are accidentally shared between players.

9. No Spitting will be allowed by coaches or players.

10. In the event the player needs to use the restroom, only the parent or guardian may escort the player. If a player returns from the restroom, they must use hand sanitizer before returning to play.

11. Parents are asked to remain socially distant from one another while at practice or games. They will also be asked to wear masks while at practice or games. Parents should be prepared to stay at the practice or game until the coach provides an "all clear" for the players to continue (reference 4.0 above). If players arrive and indicate they are not feeling well, the parent will be requested to remove the player and their belongings from the field and return home until they feel better. Any player experiencing symptoms of sickness is advised to contact their health care professional. Players with a fever, newly onset cough, newly onset shortness of breath, or flu like symptoms will not be permitted to practice or play in games. Parents/guardians are responsible for checking their player's temperature prior to the arrival to practice. Coaches will not be doing temperature checks.

12. No personal information will be shared regarding a player or family member's health. If a coach is made aware of a COVID+ player or family member, they may only share a statement such as "You are receiving this notification to inform you that your player may have been exposed to an individual testing positive for COVID19. Please monitor for symptoms (reference CDC guidelines) and contact your health provider with questions or concerns."

13. Parents and coaches should be prepared for cancellations for both practice and games. These games will not be replayed.