



**MASSACHUSETTS**  
YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION



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## COVID-19 SAFETY NOTICE AND REGULATIONS FOR FALL 2020 SOCCER ACTIVITIES

### NOTICE:

*Participants, parents, family and spectators taking part in soccer and soccer related activities do so with the knowledge of risk and potential exposure to COVID-19 involved. In doing so they agree to accept any and all inherent risks to their personal health. It is the responsibility of Massachusetts Youth Soccer and its member organizations to ensure all guidelines provided by the Center for Disease Control, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and local public health authorities are being implemented and followed to protect all members of our soccer community. Your help and support in enforcing required precautions is appreciated and necessary.*

Based on the latest directives from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Mass Youth Soccer has determined the need to require specific modifications in order for Soccer to be continued to be played as a Moderate Risk Sport under the expansion of Phase III, Levels 1, 2, and 3.

As a parent of a WHYS player, please review and adhere to the following guidelines:

### COVID-19 REGULATIONS:

- Ensure your child's health. Take temperature before all practices and games. A temperature over 100.4°F (38°C) most often means you have a fever caused by an infection or illness.
- If your child has any symptoms, even mild ones, do not send them to practice or a game. Public health urges you to stay home and isolate until:
  - » You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (without the use of medicine) AND
  - » Other symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) have improved AND
  - » At least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.
- Your child should have no signs or symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days and have not been exposed to someone who has been ill in the past 14 days.
- Parents self-certify that their child is illness free: by letting your child on the field you are self-certifying.
- Notify the President of WYS and COVID Safety Officer immediately if your child has become sick.
- If a parent feels the situation is unsafe they can pull the child from the program without fear of later repercussion.
- Coaches have the right to send players home if they suspect a child is ill or they are exhibiting symptoms during a soccer activity.

### FACILITY AND PLAYER REGULATIONS:

- Mass Youth Soccer has **strictly mandated 1 spectator per player**. Exceptions: 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.

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- All spectators must maintain 6ft of separation. Marks will be on the field to indicate where spectators can be.
- Mass Youth Soccer requires **spectators must wear facial coverings at all times.**
- Each field will have designated entrances and exits. Players should wait in a car or socially distant single-file line until they are allowed on the field for both practices and games.
- Players should use their own equipment and sanitize their equipment (cleats, balls, shin guards etc.) after every practice or game. Ensure your child's clothing is washed after every session.
- Each player will be required to have their own water bottle, towel, and personal hygiene products (hand sanitizer, facial tissues, face coverings).
- No shared food or drink.
- Players are required to wear face coverings during all soccer activities as much as possible, including during play and when entering and exiting the field. **Masks for players can only be the kind that loops around the ears.** No masks that tie around the head or gaiter style.
- Carpooling is strongly discouraged.
- Ensure athletes arrive dressed for practice and leave immediately after practice. No recreational play, or loitering is allowed.
- Please do not congregate in common areas or parking lots following practices or games.