



COVID-19 PROTOCOLS SPRING 2022

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PURPOSE

This plan is designed to keep our players participating in soccer while reducing infection risk in the setting of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

This plan has been developed based on the guidelines set forth by the Bucks County Department of Health and the guidelines set forth by Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer, which was created in consultation with US Soccer, US Youth Soccer, the US Olympic Committee, the CDC, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Plans from other agencies were also reviewed.

As a community, we must be flexible and this plan will be updated as necessary.

THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR PARTICIPANTS

- THERE WILL BE A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY FOR ANY PARTICIPANT NOT FOLLOWING THE GUIDELINES IN THIS DOCUMENT.
 - By choosing to participate in YMS programming, all participants, players, trainers, employees, volunteers and families are subject to the guidelines set forth in this document.
 - Participants should follow CDC guidelines for proper hygiene and hand sanitation to prevent the spread of COVID-19
- Players who are not feeling well must stay home.
 - In particular, the player should not play if they have a fever, which is a temperature >100.3 degrees F
- Any players participating in a tryout or evaluation are subject to these protocols. Players must register with YMS prior to participating in a tryout.
- It is the parents' responsibility to review these guidelines with their player.

It is critical ALL PARTICIPANTS are open and honest about their or their player's health in order for all kids to remain safe and continue to play.

TRAINING SESSIONS AND GAMEPLAY

- Any player reporting or demonstrating symptoms of illness at any point should be removed from training (or prohibited from training) and should seek guidance from his or her physician.
- TeamSnap health checks are no longer required, individual teams may use them by choice. If a player is sick, they must stay home.
- At this time, face masks ARE NOT required YMS facilities or events, based upon guidance from the Bucks County Department of Health.
- Gaiters, neck warmers, plastic shields or other personal protective equipment could be considered dangerous and should not be worn by players.
- **YMS does not require participants to be vaccinated.**

COVID-19 NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

- By choosing to participate in YMS programming, all participants, players, trainers, employees, volunteers and families are subject to the YMS COVID-19 procedures.
- Any changes to these guidelines will be communicated, and to continue participation in YMS programming, participants are subject to the guidelines set forth.
- Club Safety Officer (CSO) will be the point person for all communications in the event of a player positive test. The Club Vice President (VP) will take the lead if CSO is not available.
- If a player/trainer/volunteer coach has tested positive for COVID-19 while actively participating in YMS activities, they must immediately notify the CSO and team coaches via phone call and email.
- CSO must notify via email all impacted YMS participants when there is a positive test.
 - This may include members of a team, training group, or guest players.
 - All player information will be kept confidential by the CSO and the team coaches.

COVID-19 RETURN TO PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

- **COVID-19 Exposures - as per CDC and PA / Bucks County DOH guidance**
 - If a participant is has been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, but the participant themselves has not tested positive for COVID-19, they may return to training and game play, as soon as they are able to return to school / work.
 - Send an email to the CSO to inform them of the exposure and the return date.
- **Positive COVID 19 Tests- as per CDC and PA / Bucks County DOH guidance**
 - If a participant has tested positive for COVID-19, they may return to training and game play 5 days after testing positive. They may return sooner, provided they meet all of the following:
 - They have received documentation of a specific return date from a medical professional and provide it to the Club Safety Officer. An email from the school nurse with a return date to school will suffice. Players cannot return to play earlier than their return date to school.
 - They are symptom free.

TEAM ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

- In the event of a positive test to a player on any team, other team members can continue to train provided they are following YMS COVID protocols.
 - The YMS Board reserves the right to suspend training and game play for a team at any time if multiple members test positive for COVID-19 for a period of 5 days retroactive to the team's last exposure to the players.
 - If a team is suspended from training and game play, the players on that team may not participate in any YMS activities or programming.
- Coaches and Trainers can continue participation provided they have remained socially distant and have worn face coverings during training and game play.
- Siblings of players that have been exposed may continue full participation provided no members of the family become symptomatic or test positive for COVID-19.
- If a player on a team tests positive for COVID-19 and their initial exposure was prior to game play with a team from another club or participation in a tournament, coaches are required to notify the team or tournament committee immediately.

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