



CITY OF FOUNTAIN VALLEY

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Dear Youth Group Representative:

The following contains the minimum physical distancing and safety protocols set forth by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), which must be met by Youth Sports Organizations in order to protect players, families and the Fountain Valley Community, and slow the spread of COVID-19.

General Guidance for Youth Sport Participants, Coaches, and Support Staff:

Face Coverings

- Participants should wear face coverings when participating in the activity, even with heavy exertion as tolerated (unless the face covering could become a hazard), and face coverings must be worn when not participating in the activity (e.g., on the sidelines).

Physical Distancing

- Participants should maintain at least six feet of distance from others to the maximum extent possible, including when on the sidelines. Coaches should avoid contact with participants, and

facilitate physical distancing between participants to the maximum extent possible.

Cohorting

- Organizations must divide participants into cohorts of no more than 14 participants and 2 supervising adults. Athletes and coaches should cohort by team, and refrain from participating with more than one team over the same season or time period

Hygiene and Equipment Sanitation

- Shared equipment should be cleaned and disinfected before use by another person, group, or team.
- When equipment is shared during an activity, participants should perform hand hygiene (wash hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer) before play, during breaks, and after the conclusion of the activity.
 - Balls or other objects or equipment can be touched by multiple players and used during practice and play if the above hand hygiene practices are followed.
- Drink bottles must not be shared, and other personal items and equipment should not be shared.

Observers

- For youth sports (age 18 years and under), immediate household members may observe practices as needed for age-appropriate supervision, but observers should be limited to ensure physical distance can be maintained, reduce potential crowding, and maintain indoor and outdoor capacity limits allowed by Tiers.

- Observers must stay at least 6 feet from non-household members and wear face coverings.
- Practice times must be staggered by 15-minute increments when allowing immediate household members to observe a practice. Immediate Family Member Zones “IMF Zones” will be designated for each field, please see attached Fields Map. Masks must be worn while observing practice.
- Softball and Baseball observers are NOT Allowed in the bleachers or on the playing fields (See Fields Map).
- Soccer organizations must establish and enforce designated “Fan Zones” indicated on Fields Map.

Permitted Youth Sports

- Physical conditioning, practice, skill-building, and training that can be conducted outdoors, with 6 feet of physical distancing, and within stable cohorts are authorized at this time.

Sincerely,

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