



AYSO Region 112 Return-to-Play Plan for Referees

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The state and county have issued guidance on allowing youth sports to resume. In short, we can start skills training with no contact and must maintain social distancing of 6 feet or 8 feet when doing strenuous exercise and must wear appropriate protective equipment including mask, except when doing strenuous exercise.

Our permission to implement skills training is based on the assumption that we will follow appropriate guidelines. Please make sure you follow our policies as outlined in the Return-to-Play guidelines so we can maintain our permits and permissions with our partner cities.

REFEREES

1. Take temperature at home or before you arrive at venue with a personal Infrared Digital Thermometer, temperature over 100.4 F stay home and contact your assignor for replacement immediately
 - 1.1. If you have a fever, DO NOT GO TO the facility or field.
 - 1.2. If thermometers are not available, conduct a daily health questionnaire in line with the "Coronavirus Self Checker," made available by the CDC.
 - 1.3. Do not go to facilities or fields with any of the CDC and/or CDPH COVID-19 symptoms.
 - 1.3.1. Remotely communicate your health status to League/Club administrator, or medical staff within 24 hours of your training session.
 - 1.3.2. Speak to a physician and follow CDC and/or CDPH COVID-19 guidelines on self-quarantine.
2. If you tested positive for COVID-19, written confirmation of COVID-19 negative status and clearance from your physician must be provided to your League/Club for return to full participation in sport & activity.
3. We would recommend you bring your own whistle to use and disinfect it often, a minimum before and after use for a match. Sharing of whistles should not occur. Electronic Whistles are preferred.
4. If you are not feeling well at a Game go home immediately.
5. If any players display COVID-19 symptom as identified by the CDC and CDPH, send the player home.
6. Referees recommended to remain at a minimum of six(6) ft during dynamic play and stationary play at all times.
7. Referees shall remain minimum of six(6) ft apart with players/coaches/referee crew before, during, and after the match for all administrative procedures.
8. Referees are required to wear Clean PPE/mask(mask) upon arrival/departure to complex for referee check-in/pregame/mentor sessions/assessment debriefs etc.
9. Subject to State/Local guidelines, Referees are not required to wear a mask during the duration of match, however, are recommended to wear a breathable mask especially when working more than 1 game as Referee
10. Assistant Referees are required to wear breathable mask during the match.
11. Referees/Assistant Referees are recommended to physically train with a breathable mask before accepting any assignments, if unable to breathe comfortably do not accept any assignments
12. Mask must cover nose and mouth and must not have any sport logo affiliation and or any image that does not uphold the core values of Cal South and its sponsors, mask color must be dominantly black.

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13. Train with a mask prior to refereeing to be game ready, building strength and endurance to be able to withstand the possible difficulties of the potential reduced air intake while performing in a match and account for fatigue and weather complications. DO NOT wear a mask while refereeing if overall health conditions can be compromised or worsen due to mask.
14. Team benches on opposite sides.
15. Coaches/Players on sideline adhering to League/Club social distancing protocols.
16. Subject to State/Local guidelines Coaches are required to wear a personal mask on the sidelines.
17. Subject to State/Local guidelines Bench personnel are required to wear mask
18. No handshakes before or after game
19. No coin toss (home team selects field half, away team kicks off)
20. When issuing a yellow or red card maintain social distance as best as possible.
21. Referees strongly encourage physical distancing before, during and after the match to players/coaches/spectators/referee crew
22. Injured players only seen by Trainer and Referee, everyone at 6 ft distance
23. Mandatory Hygiene/Water Break- 1 during each half at the mid-way point (Ex- 80min match, break at min 20rd and min 60th)
24. Referees are recommended to apply hand sanitizer before, during breaks and after the match.
25. Set plays such as free kicks and corner kicks will happen during competition. After making the call, please do your best to eliminate any delays with set plays in order to minimize the amount of time players are in close distance of each other. Consider talking to captains and coaches about this before the game begins.
26. Referees must practice all physical distancing per CDC, CDPH State and/or Local guidelines.
27. Referee Coordinators will hold referee meeting in small groups 60 minutes prior to first games of the day and cover Covid-19 CDC Guidelines and cover all COVID 19 return to play guidelines and recommendations
28. Assessors/Referee Coordinators/Referee Mentors/Instructors/Assignors are required to wear mask and follow CDC CDPH State and/or Local guidelines for COVID 19 while at venues or fields.
29. Referees are recommended arrive in referee gear (game jersey color TBA and decided at individual field).
30. Referees crews can sit together practicing physical distancing during breaks.
31. If available Digital Coach/Player ID Card Check-in via referee smart phone is recommended to be used.
32. Referee Coordinators are required to clean and sanitize Referee box after every game.
33. Referees must provide their own mask and hand sanitizer
34. Disinfect flags and game equipment before and after use, it is recommended not to share referee game equipment
35. If you are sick or if showing any symptoms of illness, STAY HOME.
 - 35.1. If you made contact with referees or teams and you later test positive for Covid-19 report to your Referee Association/State Referee Administrator (Juan Guzman- email: jguzman@calsouth.com) immediately.
36. Do not participate in any soccer activities if you have the following symptoms:
 - 36.1. COVID-19 exposure in the past 14 days
 - 36.2. Sore throat
 - 36.3. Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
 - 36.4. Fever over 100.4 F
 - 36.5. Chills

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- 36.6. Headache
 - 36.7. Sinus congestion
 - 36.8. Cough persistent
 - 36.9. Joint aches and soreness
 - 36.10. Vomiting or diarrhea
 - 36.11. Rash
37. As a reminder, returning to refereeing is a personal choice and you must be comfortable with guideline and recommendations above. You must determine for yourself to resume activities taking in account the possibility and risk of contracting Covid-19. **ONLY YOU CAN DECIDE!**
38. The information in this document is not intended or implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. All information stated are provided for general information purposes only. The knowledge and circumstances around Covid-19 are changing constantly and, as such, Cal South makes no representation and assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of completeness of this information. Further you should seek advice from medical professionals and or public health officials if you have specific questions about your return to refereeing.
39. Players are still allowed to celebrate following a goal. However, AYSO recommends that they do so while refraining from hugging and high fiving. Instead, teams are encouraged to find ways to celebrate a goal while maintaining proper social distancing.

**PLEASE READ THROUGH THE ADDITIONAL
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REFERENCE AND INFORMATION.**

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A Graduated Approach Based on Federal, State and Local Guidelines

[The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has released guidelines for returning to youth sports.](#)

General Guidance:

- ✚ The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) offers recommendations on how members of the public can limit the spread of the coronavirus. They currently include:
 - [Clean and disinfect](#) frequently touched surfaces and exercise equipment (including balls).
 - Thoroughly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
 - Wear a face covering that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
 - Stay at least 6 feet away from non-household members. Note: research is ongoing on appropriate physical distance for bodies in motion.
 - Cover your mouth and nose with tissue when coughing or sneezing.
 - Stay at home if you are sick.
 - If any player, coach, or spectator who are sick, will not be allowed at practices or games.
 - Parents and family members will abide social distancing (physical distance from others) regulations and are encouraged to stay in their vehicles during practices. Physical distance is 6 feet or more away.
 - For individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19, written confirmation of COVID-19 negative status and clearance from your physician must be provided to AYSO in order to return to full participation in sport & activity.
 - Comply with the local Parks and Recreation Centers and or School Districts COVID-19 requirements to obtain field permits.
 - All teams, coaches and players should follow the heat policy outlined
 - a. Heat-related illnesses, such as heat exhaustion and exertional heat stroke (EHS), can be serious and potentially life-threatening conditions which can be brought on or intensified by physical activity.
 - b. Recognizing the signs and symptoms as early as possible allows for treatment and rapid recovery with hydration and onsite immediate cooling down the individual.
 - c. Educate staff on the signs and symptoms of heat-related illness and early management.
 - d. Follow heat acclimatization guidelines during practices and conditioning. Acclimatization is the body's natural adaptation to exercising in the heat. This process typically takes 10-14 days.
 - e. Avoid the hottest part of the day for training sessions (11am-4pm)
 - f. Ensure appropriate hydration policies are in place with all participants having unlimited access to water, especially in warm climates.
 - i. Players should plan to bring two personally labeled bottles to training. Players should not share their personal water bottles.
 - ii. If the player does not bring water, or runs out of water, the Club should carefully consider and plan how it can safely make water available.

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- 1. Consider pre-poured individual disposal cups, or disposable water bottles, arranged by an adult wearing gloves. Set up the cups or bottles on a table or at individual prep stations. Avoid passing the cups or bottles by hand.
- 2. Water fountains are recommended only to fill up a cup or bottle. Participants should avoid directly drinking out of the water fountain, their mouth may inadvertently come into direct contact with the communal fountain. Hand sanitizer should be available and used before and after using the water fountain.
- - g. Be conscientious about how PPE impacts breathing or causes heat and discomfort. Players are not encouraged to wear PPE during active training and coaches should consider taking a “PPE break” by moving safely 10 feet away from other participants. Follow PPE recommendations provided above.
- For contact tracing purposes, AYSO must maintain a list of all facility (training area) users, participants at trainings, and attendees, etc. For privacy purposes, the list should be securely stored and not shared publicly. In the event that someone participating in your activities becomes ill, refer to this list for “tracking or tracing” to who may have been directly exposed to illness, and advise them accordingly. Include the items below in your contact tracing list. For minors, use a parent’s contact information.
 - a. Date
 - b. Venue
 - c. Name
 - d. Phone
 - e. Email Address of participants
 - f. Specific training session i.e.time/field/coach etc.

[AYSO Return to Play Micro Site](#)

Overall – Standard Practice:

- Healthy Participants Only: Any players, coaches, spectators who are sick will not be allowed at practices or games.
- Parents, and family members will abide by social distancing regulations and are strongly encouraged to remain inside their vehicles during practice.
- Maintain participant confidentiality regarding health status.
- Sanction practices only when official parks and fields become available by local authority.
- Have an action plan in place, in case of notification of a positive test result.
- Provide coaches with a detailed explanation and training on these recommendations.

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- All participants (coaches, players, referees, instructors, administrators) are required to wear new or clean PPE upon arrival, departure and when not physically active during activities.
- Schedule practices with ample space for player distancing.
- Adhere to AYSO Safe Haven guidelines, i.e., 1:8 adult to child ratio; minimum of 2 adults present; no adult alone with children other than their own. Whenever possible, adult of same gender as players should be present.
- PPE should cover the nose and mouth, be breathable, consist of cotton or wick-type material and follow CDC guidelines.
 - Support coaches with fitness and technique in isolation exercises, grid work and spatial awareness ([appropriate content can be found here](#)).
- Provide physical guides, such as signs and tape on playing fields, to help coaches and players remain at least 6 feet apart.
- Will schedule practices with ample space for player distancing.
- Will try to avoid events when 6 feet distancing cannot be maintained.
- Be sensitive and accommodating to parents who may be uncomfortable with returning to play at this time.
- Limit nonessential visitors, spectators, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations as much as possible – especially with individuals not from the local geographic area (e.g., community, town, city, or county).
- Communicate drop off, waiting and pick up protocols for parents to facilitate appropriate social distancing while providing for the safety of all participants.
- Create a communication plan for Region/Club to members and a communication pathway for parents to communicate their concerns or questions with Region/Club leadership (i.e.: BAND app).
- Will have waiver required for every participant before starting any activities for return-to-play (practice or games).

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CORONAVIRUS, FLU, COLD?

As the number of coronavirus cases rise, some key differences set coronavirus apart from the seasonal flu and the common cold — mainly the intensity of the symptoms and the recovery period. A guide at identifying the differences in the three conditions
All three, however, are spread by air-borne respiratory droplets and contaminated surfaces

CORONAVIRUS

Onset: Sudden

Symptoms

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Muscle ache
- Fatigue

Less common symptoms

- Headache
- Coughing up blood (haemoptysis)
- Diarrhoea

Incubation:
1-14 days,
 may go up to 24 days

Complications:
5% cases
 (acute pneumonia, respiratory failure, septic shock, multiple organ failure)

Recovery:
2 weeks
 (mild cases); 2-6 weeks (severe cases)

Treatment or vaccine
 No vaccines or anti-viral drugs available; only symptoms can be treated

SEASONAL FLU

Onset: Abrupt

Symptoms

- Fever
- Dry cough
- Muscle ache
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose

Less common symptoms

- Diarrhoea
- Vomiting

WHAT THIS MEANS If you have a stuffy/runny nose or are sneezing, you likely **DO NOT** to have coronavirus

Incubation:
1-4 days

Complications:
1% cases
 (including pneumonia)

Recovery:
1 week
 (mild cases); 2 weeks (severe cases)

Treatment/vaccine
 An annual seasonal flu vaccine is available

COMMON COLD

Onset: Gradual

Symptoms

- Runny or stuffy nose
- Sneezing
- Sore throat

Less common symptoms

- Low grade fever
- Muscle or body ache
- Headache
- Fatigue

Incubation:
2-3 days

Complications:
Extremely rare

Recovery:
1 week
 for most cases; may last as long as 10 days

Treatment/vaccine
 No treatment, but doctors advise treating symptoms

SEVEN KINDS OF CORONA

Seven strains of coronavirus (CoV) that infect humans have been identified. These cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV)

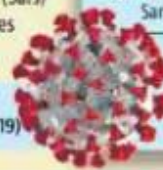
Harmless

- Serotype 229E
- Serotype OC43
- Serotype NL63
- Serotype HKU1

These cause symptoms of the common cold, and rarely cause severe pneumonia

Dangerous

- These are known to cause more severe disease. These are:
1. **Sars-CoV** which causes severe acute respiratory syndrome (Sars)
 2. **Mers-CoV** was that causes Middle East respiratory syndrome (Mers)
 3. **Sars-CoV2** that causes coronavirus disease (Covid-19)



The unknowns of Sars-CoV2

Sars-CoV2 is closely related (with 88% identity) to two bat-derived Sars-like coronaviruses (bat-SL-CoV-ZC45 and bat-SL-CoVZXC21) collected in 2018 in Zhoushan, eastern China

It has 79% genetic affinity with Sars-CoV; 50% with Mers-CoV

The Sars-CoV2 receptor-binding domain structure, which allows a virus to latch on to and enter a cell, is similar to Sars-CoV, despite amino acid variation at some key residues. Little is known about **Sars-CoV2**, studies on Sars-CoV provide clues to its behaviour and ability to infect

On smooth surfaces such as tables, phones etc, Sars-CoV retains its viability for 5 days at 22-25°C and relative humidity of 40-50%, which is typical for air-conditioned rooms. Though this may vary for Sars-CoV2, experts say this is a good indicator for its behaviour

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State of California [COVID-19 INTERIM GUIDANCE: Youth Sports](#)

Release date: August 3, 2020

All guidance should be implemented only with local health officer approval following their review of local epidemiological data including cases per 100,000 population rate.

Consistent with the July 20, 2020 announcement of the California Interscholastic Federation, this document provides guidance for all youth sports programs—including school-based, club, and recreational programs—to support a safe environment for players, coaches and trainers, families, spectators, event/program/facility managers, workers, and volunteers. For further guidance related to school settings, please see this updated guidance for schools and school-based programs.

NOTE: The risk of transmitting the COVID-19 virus depends on several factors germane to sports, including:

- Number of people in a location
- Type of location (indoor versus outdoor)
- Distance between people
- Length of time at a location
- Physical contact between people
- Touching of shared objects
- Use of face coverings
- Mixing of people from locations with different levels of community transmission

As general guidance, smaller groups are safer than larger; outdoor locations are safer than indoor; sports that can ensure distance of six feet or more are safer than close contact; and shorter duration is safer than longer. Leagues, coaches, parents, and athletes need to consider all these factors as they plan to return to play.

- Outdoor and indoor sporting events, assemblies, and other activities that require close contact or that would promote congregating are not permitted at this time. For example, tournaments, events, or competitions, regardless of whether teams are from the same school or from different schools, counties, or states are not permitted at this time.
- Youth sports and physical education are permitted only when the following can be maintained: (1) physical distancing of at least six feet; and (2) a stable cohort, such as a class, that limits the risks of transmission (see CDC Guidance on Schools and Cohorting). Activities should take place outside to the maximum extent practicable.
- For sports that cannot be conducted with sufficient distancing or cohorting, only physical conditioning and training is permitted and ONLY where physical distancing can be maintained. Conditioning and training should focus on individual skill-building (e.g., running drills and body weight resistance training) and should take place outside, where practicable. Indoor physical conditioning and training is allowed only in counties where gyms and fitness centers are allowed to operate indoors.

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- Avoid equipment sharing, and if unavoidable, clean and disinfect shared equipment between use by different people to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread.
- Consistent with guidance for gyms and fitness facilities, cloth face coverings must be worn during indoor physical conditioning and training or physical education classes (except when showering). Activities that require heavy exertion should be conducted outside in a physically distanced manner without face coverings. Activities conducted inside should be those that do not require heavy exertion and can be done with a face covering. Players should take a break from exercise if any difficulty in breathing is noted and should change their mask or face covering if it becomes wet and sticks to the player's face and obstructs breathing. Masks that restrict airflow under heavy exertion (such as N-95 masks) are not advised for exercise.
- Youth sports programs and schools should provide information to parents or guardians regarding this and related guidance, along with the safety measures that will be in place in these settings with which parents or guardians must comply.

Youth Sports Questions and Answers

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

Reopening Protocol for Youth Sports Leagues

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health is adopting a staged approach, supported by science and public health expertise, to allow certain venues to safely reopen. The requirements below are specific to Youth Sports Programs permitted to be open by the Order of the State Public Health Officer. In addition to the conditions imposed on these specific programs by the Governor, these types of programs must also be in compliance with the conditions laid out in this Checklist for Youth Sports.

Note that this protocol applies to recreational youth sports leagues, club sports, travel sports, and sports sponsored by private and public schools serving students in TK-12 schools. It is not intended for use by adult sports leagues, including collegiate sports, or amateur adult sports, which must remain closed per the State Health Officer Order. Until further notice, all youth sports activities must take place outdoors.

Please note: This document may be updated as additional information and resources become available so be sure to check the LA County website <http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/> regularly for any updates to this document.

This checklist covers:

- (1) Protecting and supporting employee and customer health
- (2) Ensuring appropriate physical distancing
- (3) Ensuring proper infection control
- (4) Communicating with the public
- (5) Ensuring equitable access to services These five key areas must be addressed as your program develops any reopening protocols.

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All Youth Sports Teams must implement all applicable measures listed below and be prepared to explain why any measure that is not implemented is not applicable

MEASURES TO ENSURE PLAYER AND COACH SAFETY

- Physical distancing of six (6) feet between each player and between players and coaches is required at all times. Youth sports activities are limited to activities that enable all players and coaches to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet between each other at all times, and an eight feet distance during times of heavy physical exertion. These activities include but are not limited to training, conditioning, and skills-building activities. Contact sports cannot practice in the same manner as they used to practice prior to COVID-19.
- All players, coaches, family members and visitors are required to wear an appropriate face covering that covers the nose and the mouth at all times, except while swimming, showering, eating/drinking, or engaging in solo physical exertion (such as jogging by one's self). This applies to all adults and to children 2 years of age and older. Masks with one-way valves may not be used. Only individuals who have been instructed not to wear a face covering by their medical provider due to a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering are exempt from wearing one. Players should take a break from exercise if any difficulty breathing is noted and should change their mask or face covering if it becomes wet and sticks to the player's face and obstructs breathing. Masks that restrict airflow under heavy exertion (such as N-95 masks) are not advised for exercise.
- Screening is conducted before players and coaches may participate in youth sports activities. Checks must include a check-in concerning fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing and fever or chills, and whether the person has had contact with a person known or suspected to be infected with the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) within the last 14 days. These checks can be done in person or through alternative methods such as on-line check in systems or through signage posted at the entrance to the facility stating that visitors with these symptoms should not enter the premises.
 - If the person has no symptoms and no contact to a known or suspected COVID-19 case in the last 14 days, they can be cleared to participate for that day.
 - If the person has had contact to a known or suspected COVID-19 case in the last 14 days they should be sent home immediately and asked to quarantine at home. Provide them with the quarantine instructions found at ph.lacounty.gov/covidquarantine.
 - If the person is showing any of the symptoms noted above they should be sent home immediately and asked to isolate at home. Provide them with the isolation instructions found at ph.lacounty.gov/covidisolation.
- Until further notice, all youth sports activities must only take place outdoors. Teams may utilize a canopy, or other sun shelter, but only if the sides of the canopy or sun shelter are not closed and there is sufficient outdoor air movement.
- All youth sporting events, including tournaments, events or competitions are not permitted at this time. Practice games among players of the same team (intra-squad games, scrimmages, and/or matches) are allowed for non-contact sports only. Non-contact sports include those sports that allow all players in the game, scrimmage or match to maintain an 8-foot distance between one another during competition (for example, singles tennis matches, golf matches, some track and field events).

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- Any areas where players are seated off-field or off-court (e.g., bench, dugout, bullpen) has been reconfigured to create additional seating such that players and employees are able to maintain a physical distance of 6 feet while in the area.
- Youth sports programs should ensure that players remain in a stable cohort in order to limit the risk of transmission (see CDC Guidance on Schools and Cohorting).
- Consider redesigning youth sports activities for smaller groups and rearranging practice and play spaces to maintain physical separation.
- To the maximum extent practicable, players are encouraged to bring their own equipment (for example, bats, golf clubs, rackets) to practice and not share equipment. Players may engage in limited sharing of equipment, such as kicking a soccer ball between two players, or throwing a baseball, football, or frisbee as part of skill-building exercises. However, sharing of equipment in this manner should only be in designated pairs of players, not as a group activity. If equipment must be shared, it is disinfected between use by different people to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread.
- Players, coaches, and employees are discouraged from making unnecessary physical contact with one another (for example, high-fives, handshakes, fist bumps) to limit the potential for disease to spread.
- Sports teams that have access to indoor bathroom and locker facilities may access them for the purposes of engaging in hand hygiene, changing, showering, and utilizing the rest rooms. Stagger visits to the locker room or rest rooms to allow for physical distancing while indoors.
- Any locker rooms or restrooms that are in use are disinfected frequently, on the following schedule:
 - Locker rooms _____
 - Restrooms _____
 - Other _____
- Players and coaches should use hand sanitizer when handwashing is not practicable. Sanitizer must be rubbed into hands until completely dry. Note: frequent handwashing is more effective than the use of hand sanitizers, especially when hands are visibly dirty.
- Children under age 9 should use hand sanitizer under adult supervision. Call Poison Control if consumed: 1-800-222-1222. Ethyl alcohol-based hand sanitizers are preferred and should be used when there is the potential of unsupervised use by children. Isopropyl hand sanitizers are more toxic and can be absorbed through the skin.
- Encourage players to bring their own pre-filled reusable or purchased water bottles. Water fountains are available to fill water bottles only. Players should not drink from the same beverage container or share beverages.
- When choosing cleaning products, use those approved for use against COVID-19 on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved list “N” and follow product instructions. These products contain ingredients which are safer for individuals with asthma
- Use disinfectants labeled to be effective against emerging viral pathogens, following label directions for appropriate dilution rates and contact times. Provide employees training on the hazards of the chemicals, manufacturer’s directions, and Cal/OSHA requirements for safe use.
- Custodial staff with the responsibility of cleaning and disinfecting the site must be equipped with proper protective equipment, including gloves, eye protection, respiratory protection, and other

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appropriate protective equipment as required by the product instructions. All products must be kept out of children's reach and stored in a space with restricted access.

- All employees have been told not to come to work if sick, or if they are exposed to a person who has COVID-19. Employees understand to follow DPH guidance for self-isolation and quarantine, if applicable. Workplace leave policies have been reviewed and modified to ensure that employees are not penalized when they stay home due to illness.
- Workers are provided information on employer or government-sponsored leave benefits the employee may be entitled to receive that would make it financially easier to stay at home. See additional information on government programs supporting sick leave and worker's compensation for COVID-19, including employee's sick leave rights under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and employee's rights to workers' compensation benefits and presumption of the work-relatedness of COVID-19 pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-62-20.
- Upon being informed that one or more employees, coaches, or players test positive for, or has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (case), the team has a plan or protocol in place to have the case(s) isolate themselves at home and require the immediate self-quarantine of all employees that had a workplace exposure to the case(s). The team or league's plan should consider a protocol for all quarantined individuals to have access to or be tested for COVID19 in order to determine whether there have been additional workplace exposures, which may require additional COVID-19 control measures. See the public health guidance on responding to COVID-19 in the workplace.
- Employee screenings are conducted before employees may enter the workspace. Checks must include a check-in concerning cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing and fever or chills and if the employee has had contact with a person known to be infected COVID-19 in the last 14 days. These checks can be done remotely or in person upon the employees' arrival. A temperature check should also be done at the worksite if feasible.
- In the event that 3 or more cases are identified among the members of the youth sports team within a span of 14 days the coach or league should report this outbreak to the Department of Public Health at (888) 397-3993 or (213) 240-7821. If a cluster is identified at a worksite, the Department of Public Health will initiate a cluster response which includes providing infection control guidance and recommendations, technical support and site-specific control measures. A public health case manager will be assigned to the cluster investigation to help guide the response.
- Employees who have contact with others are offered, at no cost, an appropriate face covering that covers the nose and mouth. The covering is to be worn by the employee at all times during the workday when in contact or likely to come into contact with others. Employees who have been instructed by their medical provider that they should not wear a face covering should wear a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, to be in compliance with State directives, as long as their condition permits it. A drape that is form fitting under the chin is preferred. Masks with one-way valves should not be used. Employees need not wear a face covering when the employee is alone in a private office or a cubicle with a solid partition that exceeds the height of the employee when standing.
- Employees are instructed to wash or replace their face coverings daily.
- Employees, coaches, and youth team members have been reminded to adhere to personal prevention actions including:

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θ Stay home when you are sick.

θ Stay home until at least 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared AND at least 24 hours after recovery, which means your fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications and there is improvement in your symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath).

θ If you tested positive for COVID-19 but never had any symptoms, you must stay home until:

- 10 days after the date of the first positive test, but
- If you develop symptoms, you need to follow the instructions above.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Wash your hands before meals, after using the restroom and after coughing and sneezing.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and then dispose of the tissue and clean your hands immediately. If you do not have a tissue, use your elbow (not your hands).
- Do not touch your mouth, eyes, nose with unwashed hands. θ Avoid contact with people who are sick. θ Avoid sharing items such as phones or other devices. If devices must be shared be sure to wipe them down with a disinfectant wipe before and after sharing.
- Constantly observe your work distances in relation to other staff and players. Always maintain the recommended minimum 6 feet separation from others unless specific work assignments require less distancing and wear a face cloth covering when working near or with others.
- Disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. This should be done hourly during business hours. θ Copies of this Protocol have been distributed to all employees, youth, and families.

B. MAINTENANCE PROTOCOLS

- Group gatherings are prohibited, and benches and tables are removed or cordoned off because they can't be used.
- Commonly used items are sanitized regularly.
- Commonly used equipment is sanitized before and after each use.
- Restrooms are sanitized regularly.
- Water fountains are available to fill water bottles only.

C. MONITORING PROTOCOLS

- Instruction and information signage is posted throughout the facility regarding infection control, physical distancing and the use of face coverings. Online outlets of the youth sports program (website, social media etc.) provide clear information about physical distancing, use of face coverings and other issues.
- Signs are posted that instruct visitors that they should stay home if sick with respiratory symptoms. θ Coaches and league managers monitor compliance of posted restrictions.
- Participants are asked to leave if not complying with these restrictions.

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Any additional measures not included above should be listed on separate pages, which the youth sports coordinator should attach to this document.

Sources:

This document was created using guidelines from the State of California, Los Angeles County, AYSO, US Soccer and Cal South.

DISCLAIMER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND WAIVER ADDENDUM

COVID-19 ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

Inherent in participation in sporting activities such as soccer, whether as an athlete, a volunteer or a spectator, are certain hazards and dangers, including, but not limited to, those risks, inherent or otherwise, detailed in the Disclaimer, Assumption of Risk and Waiver agreement, which you signed during the registration process for this membership year.

In addition to those risks set out in the Disclaimer, Assumption of Risk and Waiver agreement, which you have willingly and voluntarily assumed, we are all now grappling with the effects of the ongoing pandemic brought about by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, and COVID-19, the highly contagious infectious disease caused by this newly identified virus.

In the majority of people who become infected, COVID-19 causes a mild respiratory illness similar to influenza. In some individuals, including those who may have asthma, diabetes or other underlying health problems, it can lead to a severe respiratory condition that requires hospitalization. In the United States alone, the current pandemic has resulted in over 1.7 million confirmed coronavirus cases and, sadly, more than 101,000 deaths.

Notably, people can be without symptoms (asymptomatic) despite having a SARS-CoV-2 infection. This means that they can still spread the virus to others even though they do not feel unwell. This makes COVID-19 potentially dangerous, as it is highly infectious. Moreover, there currently are no vaccines or drugs approved to treat or prevent COVID-19.

Please understand that despite all the precautions that you, other participants, AYSO as a whole and/or your AYSO Region may take to combat novel coronavirus or COVID-19 (collectively, "COVID-19") such as, for

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example, hand cleaning, social distancing, equipment cleaning, minimizing the use of shared objects between individuals, and other acts of vigilance against COVID-19, AYSO and this AYO Region cannot guarantee your health or safety, and you may still be exposed to COVID-19, including, without limitation, through touching soccer balls and other equipment, utilizing field space for training and/or matches, participating in training and/or matches, and through direct and/or indirect interactions with other players, coaches, referees, volunteers, or individuals who have COVID-19, have been exposed to COVID-19 or individuals who may be carrying the COVID-19 virus, but do not exhibit any symptoms of that disease.

Consequently, guarantees cannot be made about your health or safety relative to COVID-19, notwithstanding any precautions taken. By submitting an application to play or volunteer, and accessing the programming in your AYSO Region, you, on behalf of yourself and your participating child, and on behalf of all persons who reside with you and with your child, as well as your heirs, beneficiaries, representatives, successors and assigns:

1. Knowingly and voluntarily assume all risks and dangers, known and unknown, that are associated with any exposure to COVID-19, including, but not limited to, suffering any type of medical condition, illness and, potentially, death;
2. Acknowledge that your use of and/or participation in the programming of AYSO and this AYSO Region could result in you contracting COVID-19, respiratory failure, death, and/or the transmission of COVID-19 to family or household members and others who may also suffer these effects;
3. Knowingly and voluntarily waive, release, covenant not to sue, and forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless, AYSO and this AYSO Region, its players, parents, volunteers, subsidiaries and other affiliates, and its and their respective officers, directors, members, employees, contractors, agents, representatives, successors and assigns (the "AYSO Parties") from any and all liability, damages, losses, suits, demands, causes of action (including, without limitation, negligence), or any other claims of any nature whatsoever, arising out of, or relating in any way to, your use of and/or participation in the programming of AYSO and this AYSO Region and any potential or actual exposure to COVID-19, to the maximum extent permitted by law; and
4. Agree to abide by the directives and guidelines in effect in your state, county and community to disrupt the spread of COVID-19.

You can find more information, updates and resources on COVID-19 by accessing the city, county or other municipal web sites in your area, and by going to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at <https://www.cdc.gov>.

You will also find AYSO-specific guidance and protocols on return to play at <https://www.aysovolunteers.org/returning-to-play/>

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The information in this document is not intended or implied to be a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. All content, including text, graphics, images and information, are provided for general informational purposes only. The knowledge and circumstances around COVID-19 are changing constantly and, as such, AYSO makes no representation and assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this information. Further, you should seek advice from medical professionals and/or public health officials if you have specific questions about your return to training and competition.

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