



## Greater Cincinnati Youth Football League COVID-19 Infection Response

The Greater Cincinnati Youth Football League realizes that at some point during the season one of the players, cheerleaders or coaches of our eighteen member Organizations may become infected with Covid-19, display symptoms of Covid-19 or be exposed to a family or household member that is infected with, or displays symptoms of, Covid-19. At this time, there is no mandate to sit an entire team if one player, cheerleader or coach is infected with, displays symptoms of, or is exposed to Covid-19. The mandatory sitting of an entire team is not mandated by the GCYFL as an initial response at this time. The purpose of this policy is to give players, families, coaches and organizations a course of action if any of the above incidents occur. Participation in GCYFL activities is voluntary.

In the event a player, cheerleader or coach tests positive for Covid-19, the individual shall follow the advice of the Department of Health where they reside and the doctor treating them. The player is prohibited from attending any GCYFL activities. The parent, guardian or infected coach shall notify the appropriate Organizational Representative of the positive test, within 12 hours of becoming aware of the positive test. The Organization shall immediately notify the GCYFL Secretary of the positive test, team and date of infection, if known. If not, the date of test will be shared. The name of the player, cheerleader or coach shall not be shared. The player, cheerleader or coach may only return to GCYFL activities after receiving clearance from the Board of Health or their doctor. The written clearance will be kept in the Team Book. If it is a cheerleader or cheer coach, the paperwork will be kept with the cheer coach. The Organizational Representative will notify the GCYFL Secretary that written clearance has been obtained. Notification shall be made by sending an email to [GCYFL.Cincinnati@gmail.com](mailto:GCYFL.Cincinnati@gmail.com)

The GCYFL Secretary shall immediately notify any team and the officials coordinator that played or officiated a GCYFL scheduled game against the affected team during the previous 14 days of a positive test, whether it is a player, cheerleader or coach. Each team scheduled to play a GCYFL game within 14 days of a positive test, exposure, infection or symptom onset shall be provided the same information. Fourteen days is counted from the date of the known infection date or, if unknown, the test date.

In the event a player, cheerleader or coach's family or household member tests positive for Covid-19, the player shall follow the advice of the Department of Health where they reside.

In the event a player, cheerleader or coach exhibits symptoms of Covid-19, they must stay home and not participate in any GCYFL activities for a minimum of 72 hours after the last symptom. Per CDC, Covid-19 symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

The GCYFL has Organizations present in Hamilton, Butler, Clermont and Warren County. Each county is governed by its own Board of Health. Therefore, there may be varying oversight and guidance from one Organization to another. Each Organization may choose how to share the information regarding the player, cheerleader or coach within their own organization. Each Organization may choose to have additional internal reporting procedures or establish a more restrictive policy for their Organization. Additional game day procedures must be submitted to the Board in advance for review and approval. This policy may change at any time.