

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL MSI TEAMS (guidance changes effective Wednesday, August 26, 2020)

The guidance regarding health and safety requirements during sports activities is a moving target, with regular updates that we need to stay on top of. Two of those updates have come this week from Montgomery County health officials (one of them today). These updates include:

- a) **Youth soccer teams now are allowed to have practices without limitation on activities**, and to play games (so long as those games only involve teams from Maryland, Virginia, and DC).
- b) **Youth soccer players now are required to wear a mask during active play** (the only exception would be if you are able to maintain proper social distancing at all times).

We recognize that the guidance above regarding face masks is contradictory to the CDC and State of Maryland's more moderate positions, but as you know we must follow Montgomery County's guidance. If further updates occur, we will add them as we become aware.