



SPRING 2021 Covid-19

**News Release from
Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer**

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Dear Members of the STM Soccer Club/Family,

We are looking forward to the upcoming season and our main concern is to keep everyone safe and healthy. Included here is the latest information from Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer regarding the upcoming Spring 2021 Season and the continuing Covid-19 guidelines.

Please make yourself familiar with the update and continue to follow the protocol in place.

Thank you and stay healthy,
Shawn Marie Hursh



Current Making Requirements per the PA Department of Health:

ALL coaches, spectators, referees, and players must wear a mask at all times.

The only time when players or referees do not have to wear a mask during participation is if they meet an exception in the Face Covering Order. Section 3 of Order provides an exception that allows an individual to remove their mask if wearing a face covering would either cause a medical condition, or exacerbate an existing one, including respiratory issues that impede breathing, a mental health condition or a disability.

What does this mean for me?

Masks must be worn by coaches, spectators, referees, and players. The only scenario a mask can be removed by a player or referee is if the individual meets the exception to the Face Mask Order. Section 3 of the order provides an exception that allows an individual to remove their mask if wearing a face covering would either cause a medical condition, or exacerbate an existing one, including respiratory issues that impede breathing, a mental health condition or a disability. All alternatives should be exhausted before an individual is exempted. Proof of a condition or disability is not required. The Department of Health asks that everyone makes best efforts to wear face coverings during athletic activities.

Current Travel Restrictions for Pennsylvania Residents:

Pennsylvanians who are returning home from other countries or states over the age of 11, must have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to entering the Commonwealth or quarantine for 10 days upon entry into Pennsylvania. If a traveler chooses to get tested upon entering the Commonwealth, or is waiting for test results, the traveler must quarantine for 10 days, or until receipt of a negative test result, whichever comes first.



Current Travel Restrictions for Non-Pennsylvania Residents traveling from different states into Pennsylvania:

Anyone entering Pennsylvania from other countries and states over the age of 11, must have a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to entering the Commonwealth or quarantine for 10 days upon entry into Pennsylvania. If a traveler chooses to get tested upon entering the Commonwealth, or is waiting for test results, the traveler must quarantine for 10 days, or until receipt of a negative test result, whichever comes first.

The exemptions to the travel restrictions listed above for traveling in and out of Pennsylvania:

You do not have to have a negative COVID-19 test 72 hours prior to your return or quarantine under the following scenarios below:

- a. Individuals traveling to and from the Commonwealth for the purposes of work.
- b. Individuals traveling to and from the Commonwealth for medical reasons, including individuals providing comfort and support to the patient.
- c. Individuals who are returning to the Commonwealth after traveling outside of the Commonwealth for less than 24 hours.

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PA Residents leaving Pennsylvania for less than 24 hours (to play a soccer game in a different state) are **NOT** required have to have a negative COVID-19 test or quarantine.

Out of State teams **DO** have to receive a negative COVID-19 test or quarantine when they arrive in the state.

If a team participates in a out of state tournament, and they remain in a different state for longer than 24 hours, they would be required to have a negative COVID-19 test or quarantine as listed in the order above.

