

Families of FCAYS:

We hope you all are well and we are excited to start the spring season of soccer.

We want to remind all of our families of the Club's return to play policies. These policies are designed for the safety and well-being of our players, coaches, referees and spectators - which is always our first priority. The policies were previously disseminated to the Club on March 17, 2021, and posted on the Club's web site: [www.fcays.org](http://www.fcays.org) (on the home page) and our Covid-19 Information page: <https://www.fcays.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1076182>. We ask that you please review them prior to the start of play this weekend.

All persons entering any facility where FCAYS is being played must wear a mask and maintain social distancing. There are designated areas for the players to sit during the game as well as designated areas for spectators. We ask that you please adhere to these areas and follow the directions of the Field Marshall, age group commissioners and coaches present at the facility.

Additionally, per the mandate from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and PA West, our soccer governing body, this season **players playing at FCAYS facilities must wear a mask while practicing, warming-up and playing on the field.** Please know that considerable efforts have been made from the club and PA West to obtain better clarification or an exception to the policy, to no avail. The Department of Health's policy has not changed, PA West's mask policy has not changed and we as a board made the decision that it is in the best interest of the club, and its members, to follow the mandates handed down to us. We are cognizant of the issues this policy presents and we are mindful that wearing a mask during play may present health issues for certain players. If your child has any medical condition that prevents them from wearing a mask during play, please provide a note from their pediatrician and we will honor that doctor's recommendation. Additionally, any player may remove/slide down their mask during play if the mask causes a medical condition, including respiratory issues that impede breathing, a mental health condition or a disability. This is again in line with the Department of Health and PA West mandate.

We are hopeful that this policy will change in the very near future and we can go back to normal playing conditions. Until such time, we ask for your understanding and support in following the policies while you enjoy coaching and watching your children play soccer.

**If you have any questions on game day, please direct them to the Field Marshall and/or Referee Assignor (Head Referee).** Off the field, please contact FCAYS Board President, Doug Grimsley whose contact information can be found on the club's web site.

Thank you,

FCAYS Board of Directors