

Souderton Area Soccer Association



Voted and approved by the Board of Directors on June 25, 2020

COVID Safety and Action Plan

In accordance with guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Eastern Pennsylvania Youth Soccer, our organization Souderton Area Soccer Association will return to play with the follow safety and action plan.

- Communication & Education
 - All players and parents will receive communication on our safety and action plan before return to play begins.
 - CDC Education materials will be shared with all participants (Coaches / Team Representatives, players, and parents) on behaviors that reduce the spread of COVID-19 to include but not limited to: hand hygiene, sanitizing equipment, properly covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home when appropriate.

We will follow these rules as our governing body [EPYSA has set forth for Stage 1 of Green Phase:](#)

- ❖ Coaches and Team Representatives will be required to take their own temperature before coming to practice.
- ❖ Players will be required to have their temperature taken at home by their guardian/parent as well as evaluating their health prior to coming on site. Players with a temperature of 100.0 F or above will not be admitted into training and will need to follow CDC guidelines for evaluation.
- ❖ Players and Coaches / Team Representatives will be required to complete the Liability Form prior to return to play and give to their Coaches / Team Representative electronically or by paper form. Coaches / Team Representatives will be responsible for submitting electronic copies of the Liability Form to proper league representative. You will receive the Liability form from your head Coach / Team Representative in the next week
- ❖ Drop off will be a no contact drop off. For drop off only, parents are not to leave their cars and are required to wear a mask if they need to speak to a Coach / Team Representative. We ask that any communication with the Coach / Team Representative be made via email, phone or note. Parents will not be permitted near the area where our Coaches / Team Representatives and players will be. Parents/Guardians of U10 and under can remain at location practicing proper social distancing and safety guidance. Not that we do not enjoy seeing everyone, but we must do our best to keep everyone safe.
- ❖ We will only be allowing 25 players/coaches/team representatives per field (no spectators). Their group location will be where they store their belongings, water, etc. Each player will have designated area for their belongings and to take a break at.

- ❖ Training is a place where children can form bonds and friendships with other players as well as their Coaches / Team Representatives. This does not always translate to players within the group staying 6' apart. Coaches / Team Representatives will do their best to keep players at safe social distance.
- ❖ Disinfecting between each training session – common equipment (cones, flags, balls, etc.) will be sprayed with disinfectant by the Coach / Team Representative. Personal equipment will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian to properly disinfect between each training session.
- ❖ Our Coaches / Team Representatives will wear masks while performing training activities.
- ❖ We will not require our players to wear masks during training. Players are required to wear masks during breaks.
- ❖ There will be no competition (games, tournaments) and training will only involve those inside our club. There will be no activities with body contact until the state association deems it appropriate (see link below).
 - <https://www.epysa.org/return-to-play-protocols/>
- ❖ Souderton Area Soccer Association will provide the below safety equipment for all teams:
 - Hand Sanitizer
 - Equipment Sanitizer
 - Face Masks
 - Gloves

These guidelines are part of an evolving plan. As information and changes are made available, we will adjust our policies and procedures as needed. We need your help to help us effectively implement these new procedures while we do our best to keep everyone safe. We also know that there may still be exposure as nothing is 100% full proof even with the best laid plans. However, we believe with the steps we are taking that the risk will be minimized considerably

- Identification of COVID exposure

Parents of participants will notify the board of Souderton Area Soccer Association if the participant or someone in the participant's home is presumptive positive or tests positive for COVID.

In the event of a presumptive positive or positive test the team of the individual will effectively quarantine for a minimum of 14 days. If a participant tests positive they must provide medical provider clearance to appropriate COVID Point of Contact before returning to play.

Souderton Area Soccer Association will notify participants who came in contact with the individual of potential exposure following CDC guidelines and HIPAA regulations on confidentiality.

- COVID Point of Contact

For all Souderton Area Soccer Association COVID related policy questions and concerns, the individual name below will serve as the point of contact.

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