



SOUTH COUNTY YOUTH SOCCER CLUB

COVID-19
Safety Plan

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Introduction

South County Youth Soccer Club (“SCYSC”) and its Board of Directors prioritizes the health, safety, and well-being of our players, coaches, and families. We also acknowledge the important physical and psychological health benefits gained by children within our community through participation in organized team sports. With that in mind, we have considered the recommendations set forth by US Youth Soccer, Soccer Rhode Island, the CDC and state and local governments when establishing our protocols. The following guidelines have been established to guide our players, coaches and parents with their efforts to return to play during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Implementing the guidelines described herein will require cooperation and collaboration between SCYSC, coaches, parents and players. While SCYSC will do its best to create a safe environment for coaches and players, it is ultimately the parents’/guardians’ decision for players to participate.

These guidelines have been created utilizing public information and documentation available as of May 17, 2021. Due to the dynamic nature of the situation surrounding COVID-19, we know this information will continue to change over time. SCYSC will do its best to maintain compliance with all applicable rules, regulations and suggestions as they become available.

If you should have any questions, please contact us below.

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Face Masks & Coverings

- In accordance with current executive orders and RIDOH regulations (as they relate to moderate risk sports such as soccer):
 - Players must wear a mask at all times. This includes when entering and exiting the field and when engaged in active play (during trainings and games). Please note that players will have designated mask breaks.
 - Referees must wear masks at all times.
 - Vaccinated coaches, staff, volunteers, and spectators should wear a face mask when unable to easily, continuously, and measurably keep 3 feet of physical distance from others. If not vaccinated, a mask must be worn at all times.

Social Distancing & Organizing Activities

- Trainings and games will be scheduled for designated days and properly spaced out to avoid contact with other groups
- Teams must strive to maintain a safe distance from others by keeping to their designated field space and times. Arriving to the field on time and quickly leaving the field after the end of trainings/games will ensure proper distancing from the next group or team scheduled on the field.
- At the beginning of a training/game, players' bags and equipment must be placed 3 feet apart. Players and coaches should maintain this distance during all breaks.
- Whenever possible coaches will instruct players to refrain from proactive contact of other players. No handshakes, high fives or unnecessary contact.
- Players should avoid touching cones and other field equipment.
- Players must bring their own ball to practices.
- Players must bring their own water bottle and not share their water.
- No team snacks are permitted on the fields.
- A team bench is strongly discouraged.
- Upon the conclusion of practice, players are encouraged to promptly return to their vehicle and leave.
- Only players, coaches and referees are allowed on the lined playing fields. Spectators should ensure at least three feet of physical distance between household groups and maintain 14 feet of space from the outer limit of play.
- Each team will be provided a COVID Equipment Bag including extra face masks, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes. The COVID Equipment Bag will also include important information regarding Safe Screening and recording attendance. The COVID Equipment Bag must be available at all trainings and games.

Responding to a Positive Case

- SCYSC Competitive and Recreational Directors will share the SCYSC COVID Safety Plan with all coaches and families so all are aware of how to respond to a positive case.
- If a player, coach, or immediate household member has a fever or other COVID-19 symptoms, they must remain home and get tested. A player may return when all symptoms reside, or if they have a negative test and symptoms are consistent with allergies, they may return when fever-free for 24 hours (and with documented negative test result).

- If a player, coach, or immediate household member tests positive for COVID-19, the parent/guardian should notify the Coach as soon as possible. The Coach must then notify the appropriate Competitive and Recreational Director. The Director will contact RIDOH immediately upon being informed of a positive case amongst our teams.
- If a player or coach on a team tests positive for COVID-19, all members of the team who have been in close contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID-19 will need to quarantine in accordance with Executive Orders and directions from the RIDOH. See: <https://covid.ri.gov/covid-19-prevention/quarantine-and-isolation>
- The Director will work with RIDOH by providing requested information (such as attendance of individuals, teams, and stable groups) and provide families information on testing requirement, contact tracing, etc., as needed. SCYSC will rely on RIDOH on determining the *minimum* group to quarantine, if necessary, and may deem a larger population to be quarantined from the fields.

Self Screening & Minimizing Access

- SCYSC membership should be aware of and utilize the Reopening RI Self Screening Guide. SCYSC will share the Reopening RI Self Screening Guide with membership via email and the website.
- Players and coaches must not attend trainings/games if they have a fever or have any symptoms listed on the enclosed Reopening RI Self Screening Guide, if they have tested positive for COVID-19, or if they have been identified as a close contact with a person know to have COVID-19.
- Each team will be provided with a COVID Equipment Bag that will include important information regarding Safe Screening and a link to input attendance. The COVID Equipment Bag must be available at all trainings and games for a team.
- Team practices and game times and locations will be set by coaches in advance. The Directors must be notified in advance of any changes, to ensure field availability so that appropriate social distancing protocols can be maintained.

Cleaning and Decontamination

- Players are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer and use it directly before and after trainings/games.
- Each team's COVID Equipment Bag will include extra hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes.
- Each Coach must wipe down their equipment after every practice/game.
- The bathrooms at Tuckertown Park and the porta potties at Broad Rock Middle School are operated by the Town of South Kingstown. Any issues with cleanliness or supplies should be brought to their attention.
- Please clean up your trash and area before leaving the field. Leave No Trace!



Family/Player Pre-Training/Game Checklist

To protect the safety of all SCYSC families, families **must** comply with the checklist items below:

- Screen your child for COVID-19 symptoms prior to attending trainings/games using the Reopening RI screening tool
- Each child must have their own hand sanitizer
- Do not bring food to practice and minimize amount of equipment in bags
- Label water bottle with child's name and remind them not to share water
- Handshakes, high fives, fist bumping or any unnecessary contact is prohibited
- Clean/Sanitize child's equipment after each training/game
- Parents **must** remain more than 14 feet from the outside of the training/game areas and are strongly encouraged to social distance from each other. **Do not** group together near the entrance and exits of fields.

If your child has a temperature or any COVID-19 symptoms, you **must not participate in any soccer activities.**



Coaches/Manager Pre-Training/Game Checklist

To protect the safety of all SCYSC families, coaches and managers **must** comply with the checklist items below:

- Coaches should have a facemask and must wear it when within 3 feet of players
- Ensure players are wearing masks at all times
- Ensure regular use of hand sanitizer
- Ensure bags are placed at least 3 feet apart
- Ensure players stay at least 3 feet apart during water breaks
- Clean/sanitize coaches' equipment after each training

REOPENING RI

COVID-19 Screening Tool

Recommended tool to screen employees and clients for symptoms of COVID-19.

SYMPTOMS

HAVE YOU HAD ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS IN THE PAST THREE DAYS?	YES	NO
COUGH		
SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING		
FEVER OR CHILLS		
MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES		
SORE THROAT		
HEADACHE		
NAUSEA OR VOMITING		
DIARRHEA		
RUNNY NOSE OR STUFFY NOSE		
FATIGUE		
RECENT LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL		

RISK FACTORS

	YES	NO
Have you been directed to quarantine or isolate by the Rhode Island Department of Health or a healthcare provider in the past 14 days? If so, when does/did your quarantine or isolation period end? _____		
If you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (> 14 days after final dose), the items below are not risk factors.		
Have you been in close contact with anyone with COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 14 days? ¹		
Have you traveled anywhere outside the United States (US) or US territories in the past 14 days?		
Have you traveled to Rhode Island for a non-work-related purpose from a hot spot within the US or US territories? ² See a current list of hot spots at www.covid.ri.gov/travel		

If you answered "yes" to any questions above and you cannot explain your symptoms, you may not be able to enter this building for the safety of others. With COVID-19 present during allergy season, get tested if you have any of these symptoms. Find testing information at www.covid.ri.gov/testing

- Employees: Please contact your supervisor and your Human Resources representative.
- For detailed quarantine and isolation requirements and exceptions, visit www.covid.ri.gov/whattodo

¹ Close contact means you've been within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period. Does not apply to people who come into contact with people with symptoms of COVID-19 during the course of their daily work while wearing full and appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/evidence-risk-assessment.html> for more information.

² Public health, public safety, and healthcare workers are exempt. Does not apply to anyone traveling for medical treatment, to attend funeral or memorial services, to obtain necessities like groceries, gas, or medication, to drop off or pick up children from day care, summer camps, or to anyone who must work on their boats.

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Helpful / Referenced Links:

What to do if you or someone you know tests positive:

<https://covid.ri.gov/covid-19-prevention/quarantine-and-isolation>

COVID screening tool:

https://health.ri.gov/forms/screening/COVID19_Employee_Screening_Tool.pdf

Reopening RI Youth Sports Guidance:

<https://reopeningri.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Updated-Sports-Guidance.pdf>

Sports FAQ:

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/media/documents/ri-sports-fqs.pdf>