

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I wanted to re-introduce myself to you as many of you may already know me within the club. My name is Alex Joslyn, and I will be your new COVID-19 Director moving forward. If there are any questions, concerns, or recommendations you have, I will be your point of contact.

As a club safety of our players and volunteers are very important, and I wanted to share some of the steps we are taking right now to help keep our families safe. I will continue to update the COVID-19 tab on our website with helpful information with things like FAQ's and the protocols we are taking to keep everyone healthy and safe.

We have received questions from the community about if and how COVID-19 will change this year's athletic season. We know this outbreak has been stressful to many and recognize that exercising and participating in activities like sports can be a healthy way to cope with stress and connect with our community. After careful thought and planning, we are excited to let you know that we plan to resume youth sports while following CDC considerations to protect players, families, and our community.

The health and safety of our athletes, coaches, referees, and volunteers remain our highest priority. Below, you will find a summary of actions we are taking to help ensure we are lowering COVID-19 risk as much as possible while also allowing our athletes to play.

**During Play:**

- Reducing physical closeness or contact between players when possible by eliminating contact sportsmanship celebrations such as hi-fives and huddles, eliminating post-game snacks and requiring 6' spacing on sidelines. Curriculum will focus on individual skills practiced while distanced whenever possible.
- Promoting healthy hygiene practices. Players, parents, and volunteers will be required to bring hand sanitizer and use it frequently. Children are encouraged to properly cover coughs and sneezes and dispose of tissues, water bottles, and other trash responsibly.
- Requiring that coaches, youth sports staff, officials, parents, and spectators wear a cloth face covering while spectating. Players are not required to wear a mask while playing or recovering from activity. As a reminder, cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children younger than 2 years of age, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance.

**Precautions and guidelines of play regarding COVID:**

- Anyone who is sick or has been in contact with someone who has COVID-19— including players, family members, coaches, staff and spectators — should not attend practices or games.
- Provide your child with their own hand sanitizer and mask. Masks and sanitizer will not be available or provided. Participants without a mask will be asked to leave.

- All players that have traveled to one of the [“hot spot” states](#) in the last 14 days should quarantine at home and not attend practices or games.
- If the player has tested positive for COVID, or anyone the player has come in contact with has tested positive for COVID please notify Alex Joslyn immediately at [alexander.w.joslyn@gmail.com](mailto:alexander.w.joslyn@gmail.com)
- Be on the lookout for symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, or shortness of breath. Call your doctor if you think you or a family member is sick.

We look forward to seeing you on the fields!

Stay Safe. Stay healthy.

**Alex Joslyn.**  
2020 COVID-19 Director  
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