



COVID-19 Preparedness Plan and Policy Indialantic Youth Soccer Association IYSA

IYSA is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for all players, coaches, and spectators. To ensure we have a safe and healthy environment, we have developed the following COVID-19 Preparedness Plan and Policy. Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 at our fields, and that requires full cooperation from EVERYONE. Only through this cooperative effort can we establish and maintain the safety and health of our players and spectators.

Disclaimer:

No one is required to play and continue the season. That decision and any associated risk/liability is solely on the parent and guardian for that child. While the IYSA Board of Directors will implement these safety guidelines to the best of our ability, it is in no way, shape, or form a guarantee a child, coach, parent, or spectator will not catch COVID-19. Note: The Guidelines outlined by IYSA in this document may change at any time based on changes of guidelines from Federal, State, and Local governments and health officials.

General Statements:

- All athletes, coaches, spectators, vendors, and officials must adhere to the guidelines from the CDC, federal, state, and/or local authorities.
- IYSA will provide updates and guidance to those attending events as necessary.

Attendance by Players, Coaches, Spectators:

- The policies in this section apply to games, practices, or any other organized IYSA activity (referred to herein as “events”).
- IYSA recommends that the elderly and anyone with serious underlying medical conditions which place them in the vulnerable groups for COVID-19 should not attend any event.
- Participants and parents of participants should continuously monitor their own health while participating and/or attending events.
- IYSA suggests that event attendees should be limited to players, coaches, referees, and immediate family members only. In the unlikely event of overcrowded sidelines, IYSA Board members will require spectators to maintain social distancing.
- Any participant or household member of a participant, who is not feeling well, has been exposed to a person with COVID-19 within 14 days of practice/play, or has traveled to/from any foreign country/domestic area identified by CDC or local health officials as a hot spot within the past 14 days, should not attend any event.
- Any participant who has symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend any event.
- IYSA recommends that all players, parents, and spectators arrive as close to the event time as possible, and game spectators should arrive at game time to avoid large gatherings where physical distancing may not be available.
- Any player or coach who shows up that appears to be sick will be sent home.
- Until COVID-19 is no longer identified as a public health issue, each parent will be advised that they need to alert the coach for their child’s team if they answer Yes to any one of the



following questions, prior to any event. If the response to any of these questions is yes, the player should not be allowed to play until they have received affirmation from a doctor or public health official that it is safe to do so.

- Have you/your child taken any fever-reducing medicine such as Tylenol or Advil for fever in the last 12 hours? NOTE: Exception from diagnosed medical condition.
- Have you/your child tested positive for the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the last 14 days?
- Have you/your child experienced a loss of taste or smell sensation within the last 14 days?
- Have you/your child experienced persistent pain or pressure in your chest over the last 14 days?
- Have you/your child been sick with a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or respiratory infection in the past 14 days?
- Have you/your child had close contact with someone who has OR is under investigation for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- Do you or your child currently have a high temperature or fever? (checking temperatures for all attendees before leaving home is required)
- Athletes, coaches, spectators, and officials are highly recommended to bring personal hand sanitizer, masks, chairs, and antibacterial wipes for personal use.
- All IYSA participants (players, coaches, parents) will sign the waiver form provided by Brevard Parks & Rec to hold Brevard County harmless in the event of infection (titled "BREVARD COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT RECREATION PARTNER PARTICIPANT CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 RISK ACKNOWLEDGMENT INDEMNIFICATION/ HOLD HARMLESS (MINOR)")
- All IYSA participants will also sign the Florida Youth Soccer Association (FYSA) Communicable Disease Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement to hold FYSA and IYSA harmless in the event of infection. This will be signed electronically.
- Spectators are encouraged to wear masks/facial coverings when they are unable to maintain 6 feet physical distancing from members not from their own household.

Game and Practice Procedures:

- All players will use their own equipment whenever possible and will not share pinnies, goalie gloves, shin guards, cleats, or any other piece of the soccer uniform.
- Soccer balls will be sanitized after each practice and game by the coaches.
- IYSA suggests that each family should be spaced 6 feet apart from other families per CDC Social Distancing Guidelines.
- There will be no team coolers or snacks, players MUST bring their own drink and/or snack.
- Sunflower seeds or other items that require spitting is strictly prohibited.
- Players may wear parent-provided Personal Protection Equipment (i.e. masks) if the parents deem them necessary, but players and coaches are NOT required to wear one. Upon entry into team seating areas, social distancing should be maintained.
- Coaches may need to adjust their placement throughout play times to provide for appropriate physical distancing.
- Huddles and close conversations between coaches/players/referees, should be kept to a



minimum.

- Players/Coaches/Referees should have their personal, individually labeled hydration.
- Players will be instructed on proper ways to wash hands with soap and water; use of alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water is not available; covering mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing; and avoiding touching mouth/nose/eye areas.
- There will be no high fiving, fist pumps, chest bumps, etc.
- Benches will not be used. Players will maintain 6 feet of physical distance in team seating areas during games.

Post Match/Practice Procedures:

- Teams are required to clean all trash from designated team areas prior to leaving the fields.
- Teams should leave the fields when their game is complete and they have cleaned their areas to avoid large gatherings, and allow the next teams to occupy team areas.
- Any post game meetings should adhere to the 6 feet physical distancing recommendation.
- Because of the potential of large groups gathering, it is recommended that no trophy/award ceremonies occur at the conclusion of an event/game. Any awards should be distributed by the coach to his/her teams.
- Instead of handshakes at the end of a game, teams will line up on their respective benches and wave or bow to the opposing team and fans.

Scheduling:

- Games and practices will be scheduled with a minimum 30-minute buffer between to prevent overlap of participants/spectators, whenever possible.
- Start times will be staggered where no more than half the fields are changing over at any given time, whenever possible.
- Practice and Game time limits will be strictly enforced to allow for these safety procedures.

Hoover Fields:

- Facilities will be regularly evaluated by the IYSA Board to guarantee a safe, healthy environment for participants and spectators.
- The restrooms at the Hoover Fields will be unlocked for practices and games to allow for adequate handwashing.