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Kansas Youth Soccer Return-To-Play (RTP) Guidelines

Kansas Youth Soccer Return-To-Play guidelines are in accordance with the State of Kansas "[Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas](#)" time frame and following its guidance through each phase of the plan **beginning with Phase Two.**

With that being said, it is important that you completely understand your home county and city governments plans for reopening. Many have different dates, definitions, requirements for group gatherings and need to be adhered to continue forward as we look to combat Covid-19.

Please remember that each facility has the right to enforce their own Covid-19 safety guidelines. That may be above and beyond the home county recommendations.

We ask our member clubs to be respectful of the right of private facilities owners and public park officials to continue do business in a manner that is in the best interest of limiting the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

Throughout every phase of Ad Astra, the Kansas soccer community should:

- Maintaining social distancing
- Practice good hygiene
- Remain home when sick
- Follow isolation and quarantine orders issued by state or local health officers
- Use cloth face masks when leaving their homes
- Continue to clean and disinfect surfaces

Kansas Youth Soccer is strongly recommending and encouraging our members to continue to follow the Return-To-Play Guidelines for Phase 3 and our current principles and responsibilities.



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Ad Astra: Phase Three (3) Details and Application to Youth Soccer

*Begins **June 8, 2020** as recommended by the State of Kansas and to be implemented as a guideline for local governments to follow should they wish to implement them locally.*

State of Kansas Ad Astra Plan Phase Three Guidelines:

1. No mass gatherings of more than 45 individuals allowed
2. Face Mask or coverings are a choice in public settings
3. Maintain social distancing of 6 feet between participants
4. Remain home when sick
5. Nonessential travel may resume

Kansas Youth Soccer Training Guidelines:

- Limited to 45 or less players/coaches/mangers, etc.
- Zero tolerance non-contact policy (coach/player or player/player)
- No spectators allowed
- Must maintain social distancing minimum of 6 feet between participants throughout training
- Any players or coaches with any signs or [symptoms of Covid-19](#) are not permitted to participate
- Players/coaches must use hand sanitizer before, during breaks, and after practice
- Players should not carpool to and from practice
- Players can choose to wear PPEs (masks) as appropriate
- No Congregating Policy for players or parents in parking lots, at drop off zones, at entrance / exit areas of facility, or before or after training session

Kansas Youth Soccer Members & Club Recommendations:

- Communicate immediately with the local health department in the event of a confirm COVID19 case within a team and cancel all training sessions for that team and any team associated with that coach.
- Schedule training sessions so that one team/group is able to conclude and depart prior to the next team / group arriving, avoiding high traffic times
- Establish designated drop off and pick up zones for each field

Kansas Youth Soccer Coach Guidelines:

- Wear PPEs (masks) as appropriate
- Limit equipment brought to practice, disinfecting all equipment before / after use
- Do not allow players to share pennies, other equipment, or water bottles
- Encourage players to bring their own balls to training
- Require parents to confirm their child is symptom free before attending training
- Report confirmed cases of COVID-19 to member organization immediately and cease trainings
- **Compliance with all local and state guidelines**



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Kansas Youth Soccer's Club, Coach, and Player Principles & Responsibilities

Club Responsibilities:

- Create and distribute protocols to its members.
- Contact insurers to ensure all coverages.
- Have an effective communication plan in place, identify strategies for working with public health to notify adult leaders, youth and their families if the organization learns a participant or adult leader has developed COVID-19 and may have been infectious to others while at a youth activity, while maintaining confidentiality.
- Be sensitive and accommodating to parents that many be uncomfortable with returning to play too quickly.
- Have an action plan in place, in case of a positive test.
- Train and educate all staff to protocols and requirements, including state and local regulations, CDC recommendations and other necessary information.
- Be prepared to shut down and stop operations. Develop plans for temporary closure of indoor facilities and cancel outdoor activities or camps to properly disinfect and ensure other adult leaders or youth are not infected.
- Provide adequate field space for social distancing.
- Provide hand sanitizing stations and waste receptacles at fields.
- Develop a relationship and a dialog with health local officials. (Identify Risk Tolerance)

Coach Responsibilities:

- Ensure the health and safety of the Athletes.
- Inquire how the athletes are feeling, send them home should you believed they act or look ill.
- Follow all state and local health protocols.
- Ensure all athletes have their individual equipment (ball, water, bag etc.)
- Coach is the only person to handle cones, disk etc.
- All training outdoors and ensure social distancing per state or local health guidelines.
- Always wear a face mask, when not actively coaching, maintain social distance requirements from players based on state and local health requirements.
- Have fun, stay positive – players and parents are looking to you to stay calm, supportive and caring during this time.
- The use of scrimmage vest/Bibs is not recommended at this time.

Parent Responsibilities:

- Ensure child is healthy, check your child's temperature daily.
- Limited or no carpooling.
- Stay in car or adhere to social distance requirements, based on state and local health requirements, when at training wear mask if outside your car.
- Ensure child's clothing is washed after every training session.
- Ensure all equipment, cleats, ball, shin guards etc. are sanitized before and after every training.
- Notify club immediately if your child becomes ill for any reason.
- Do not assist coach with equipment before or after training.
- Be sure your child has necessary sanitizer with them at every training.

Players Responsibilities:

- Take temperature daily.
- Wash hands thoroughly before and after training.
- Bring and use, hand sanitizer with you to every training.
- Wear mask before and immediately after all training.
- Do not touch or share anyone else's equipment, water, snack or bag.
- Practice social distancing, place bags and equipment at least 6 feet apart.
- Wash and sanitize all equipment before and after every training.
- No group celebrations, no high 5's, Hugs, handshakes etc.