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Kansas Youth Soccer Member Directors and Administrators,

As per Governor Laura Kelly signed Executive Order No. 20-52, which is REQUIRING masks or other face covering in public, officially goes into effect at 12:01am Friday July 3, 2020 and will end when rescinded or the statewide State of Disaster Emergency ends. With this here is everything you need to know and how it applies directly to our soccer community.

First, it should be known that Executive Order 20-52 is statewide throughout Kansas, however it states:

Local governments retain authority to issue and enforce equally or more restrictive orders or provisions and retain any authority to issue or enforce isolation or quarantine orders or other orders as necessary to respond to escalating or worsening conditions in any local jurisdiction.

That being said, it is critical that all soccer participants completely understand your home county and city government regulations as they may or may not vary from this Executive Order.

Second, when it comes to public outdoor spaces specifically and athletes participating in physical activity or exercise it states:

Any person (excluding those exempt as detailed in the executive order) in Kansas shall cover their mouth and nose with a mask or other face covering when they are in the following situations:

- ◆ ***While outdoors in public spaces and unable to maintain a 6-foot distance between individuals (not including individuals who reside together) with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.***

Exempt from wearing masks or other face coverings include:

- ◆ ***Athletes who are engaged in an organized sports activity that allows athletes to maintain a 6-foot distance from others with only infrequent or incidental moments of closer proximity.***

So what does this look like for having team trainings?

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.

Upon arrival & departure to training, all soccer participants should be wearing a face covering that goes over their mouth & nose until they are able to safely maintain social distance between individuals. If social distancing is not able to be maintained, then face coverings should be kept on until the just moments before physical activity is set to begin.

During trainings and when physical activity is occurring face coverings do not need to be worn as any soccer training performed has the ability to maintain social distancing respectfully with only infrequent or incidental moments of close proximity.

Kansas Youth Soccer recommendations during trainings:

- Athletes space out their own equipment from each other to maintain social distancing when needing to hydrate or grab other equipment.
- Coaches try to limit athletes gathering together for instruction in between soccer drills or activities since face coverings are not on protecting athletes during this quick turnaround.

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We are encouraging Kansas Youth Soccer members to continue to take the social responsibility for the health and safety of our players, coaches, families and overall soccer community.

Kansas Youth Soccer is strongly recommending and encouraging our members to continue to follow the current principles and 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 believe 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 covering, 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 a face covering if outside your car and unable to maintain social distancing.
- 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.



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Players Responsibilities:

- Take temperature daily.
- Wash hands thoroughly before and after training.
- Bring and use, hand sanitizer with you to every training.
- Wear a face covering before and immediately after all training when social distancing cannot be maintained.
- 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.

We want everyone to get back to playing the game of soccer the way it is supposed to be enjoyed and meant to be played. We also don't want to jeopardize going backwards and causing a longer layoff from getting back to traditional training and competition.

Reminder, 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.

We need everyone to do their part to make sure we are keeping everyone safe during this time of uncertainty. Thank you for helping to set the example of how can beat the common opponent of Covid-19.

Yours in Soccer,

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