



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advisory Update to Membership

In review of the changing impact of COVID-19 in Texas, the South Texas Youth Soccer Executive Committee has determined that South Texas will move to Phase 3 as outlined in the South Texas Return to Play (RTP) Guidelines, **effective immediately.**

South Texas Youth Soccer's RTP Phase 3 is defined as:

- No restrictions on training activities for players.
- Teams can return to scrimmaging within their club and playing games outside their club following recommended guidelines and COVID-19 mitigation recommendations.
- Local and same-day travel only for scrimmages or games with teams outside the same club is recommended.

**While STX Youth Soccer recommends local or one day tournaments, they may consider sanctioning overnight tournament travel outside South Texas if appropriate Tournament and Hotel precautions are demonstrated to be in place.*

Many local cities/counties may be imposing stricter rules for group sizes and outdoor activities. Clubs and Associations are encouraged to scale back to an earlier Phase if they believe that move to be necessary, based on their local surroundings, to ensure the safety of their members and their community.

For additional information on the Return to Play Guidelines for South Texas Youth Soccer from the July 30th webinar, you can go [here](#), as well as referencing the attached chart outlining Phase recommendations.

South Texas Youth Soccer emphasizes that local conditions and personal choice should drive behaviors and that continued monitoring is in place to determine next steps with regard to recommended Phases of Return to Play. Should there be any change to our position of when to move from **Phase 3**, all parties involved will be notified and information posted on our website and social media.

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IMPLEMENTING A PROGRESSIVE RETURN TO PLAY

<u>Phase 0</u>	<u>Phase 1</u>	<u>Phase 2</u>	<u>Phase 3</u>	<u>Phase 4</u>
<p>No in Person training or competitions</p> <p>Virtual training only</p>	<p>Individual skill training and individual physical conditioning with a ball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- One player per ball- Distances between players <p>Small Group training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Passing patterns- No contact- Avoid lines (use markers)- No catching or use of hands	<p>Introduction to defensive pressure and contact in training.</p> <p>Use of small-sided within the cohort.</p> <p>Intrasquad scrimmages acceptable within the cohort.</p>	<p>No restrictions on training activities for players.</p> <p>Teams can return to scrimmaging within their own club and playing games outside their club following recommended guidelines.</p> <p>Local and same-day travel for scrimmages or games with teams outside the same club is recommended.</p>	<p>No restrictions on training, games, or travel for players, coaches or spectators.</p> <p>COVID-19 recommendations no longer apply</p>