



# Return to Training and Play Guidelines

The Texas Governors office has issued and amended the COVID-19 related executive orders several times, to allow for a phased approach of Return to Practice and Play for outdoor sports participants. Effective June 15, 2020, players and teams were allowed to return to both training and games.

The following guidelines are to be considered to allow for everyone to return in the safest possible environment. Remember, we are all in this together, so all players, parents, coaches, referees, and administrators should be aware of these guidelines. There may also be guidelines specific to a city or county. It is important that you are familiar with, and follow your local government and health authority warnings and guidelines.

## Association and Club Responsibilities

- **Distribute this protocol to members.**
- **Identify strategy for working with local health officials and parks departments to notify adult leaders, youth and their families if the organization becomes aware of a player or coach/manager that has developed COVID-19 and may have been infectious to others while at a team activity.**
- **Maintain participant confidentiality and do not disclose health status.**
- **Be sensitive and accommodating to parents or players who may not be comfortable with returning to training or play at this time.**
- **Have a plan in place, in case there is a positive COVID-19 test result, including being prepared to shut down and stop operations for a period of time.**
- **Consider scheduling games with more time between games, to allow one set of participants to leave the premises before another set of participants arrives.**
- **Consider scheduling games to not be on fields that adjoin each other, to allow enough room to keep spectators at proper distances.**