

Westside Soccer families and coaches:

It's been a long wait, but our spring season starts for G2-G8 with practices on Monday 3/29, and then the GK and G1 kids 1 week later.

For the upcoming 2021 spring soccer season, our #1 priority is to take all reasonable precautions to keep everyone safe and healthy. In this message, I will describe in more detail our 4 primary methods of achieving that goal. We will rely on COVID monitors at every game and practice to make sure we are following these rules.

1. Only **HEALTHY** individuals attend soccer practices and games.

- Players, coaches, COVID monitors and referees are expected to stay home if they are not feeling well.
- If any player becomes ill during a practice or game, the coach should immediately call the parent to pick the player up.
- All participants should take their temperature at home before the practice or game. Stay home if the temperature is 100.4 or greater.
- Head coaches will ask assistant coaches and players 5 screening questions at the start of every practice and game. Anyone who answers YES to any of the questions may not participate. The player does not need to know their temperature. They just need to say YES or NO to the question of having a fever. The questions are:
 - Are you currently sick?
 - Any fever of 100.4 or greater in the last 8 hours?
 - Do you have a new or worsening cough?
 - Do you have shortness of breath?
 - Have you had close contact with anyone who has COVID-19?

2. Everyone wears a properly fitting **face covering** at all times.

- OHA defines a face covering as "a cloth, polypropylene, paper or other face covering that covers the nose and the mouth and that rests snugly above the nose, below the mouth, and on the sides of the face."
- Players, Coaches, Referees and COVID monitors must wear their face covering at all times. Players may remove only briefly to drink water. Referees will require players to sub out of the game if their face covering is repeatedly coming off their nose or mouth during play. Players seen pulling their face covering off their face will be subject to verbal warnings and then cautions.
- Parents please send your child to the practice or game with 2-3 face coverings so that they have backups if needed.
- Coaches are responsible for making sure that their players have a secure face covering. Referees will warn or caution coaches who pull their face covering off during a game.

- Referees are strongly encouraged to use electronic whistles. Referees who use traditional whistles may pull their face covering down briefly to blow the whistle.
- COVID monitors at the field are tasked with making sure that everyone is wearing a face covering.

3. Players, coaches and referees follow social distancing requirement of staying 6 feet apart from other people when not playing in the practice or game.

- Players arriving at field place gear on sideline at least 6 feet apart. There will be no team bench so players should bring their own camp chair if they want a place to sit.
- No gathering in groups before/during/after the practice or game.
- Stay off the field until prior teams have left. At the end of your practice or game, leave the field quickly if another group is waiting.
- Coaches stay 6 feet from others at all times. Exception when attending to an injured player.

4. Obey the 2 spectators per player policy.

- ~~Players, coaches, referees and COVID monitors are the only people allowed at the field.~~
- ~~All parents who stay at the game or practice site must remain AT THEIR CAR. Only exception is if the coach calls the parent to attend to a sick or injured player. (At some locations you may be able to see the game while sitting inside or standing next to your car. This is allowed, but please wear a face covering and maintain 6 feet of space from the people parked near you.)~~
- ~~Covid monitor is the person who will enforce the no spectator rule.~~
- ~~If parents attempt to enter the field area to see the practice or game, the Covid monitor will ask them to return to their car. If the parent persists, the practice or game will be stopped until they comply. If they refuse to comply, the practice or game will be terminated.~~

~~I know that everyone is disappointed that spectators are not allowed. This decision comes from THPRD and we have to comply with it to be able to use the fields.~~

If you have a positive COVID test within your household, or your player has close contact with a Covid positive person, please notify Westside Soccer Club immediately at COVID19@westsidesoccerclub.com. We may need to cancel games or practices. Your privacy will be respected.

If you have a non-urgent COVID issue you want to report to the club, please send an email to COVID19@westsidesoccerclub.com.

If you observe an urgent COVID issue at a practice or game, please contact the Covid Monitor at the field. If they are unable to resolve the issue, they have an emergency contact number.

Thanks very much for playing soccer this spring. Have a great season and stay well.

Karl Meyer

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