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AYSO Guidance for Safety Directors/CVPAs 7.21.2020

As stay-at-home orders and business restrictions continue to evolve and loosen, we know that there is a desire to return to play as soon as it is deemed safe to do so. **To be clear, this notice does not constitute permission to return to the fields.** As guidelines are loosened and communities reengage in activities once again, it is imperative that Regions follow state and local public health department recommendations.

Recommended Guidelines for Safety Directors (CVPAs where noted if assigned by Region):

- 1) **Consult [AYSO's Ready Set PLAYSOCCKER website](#)**
 - Keep up to date on AYSO's Return to Play safety recommendations and guidelines, including references from the CDC, on cleaning and disinfecting and additional safety products that need to be available to coaches, volunteers and players.
 - Ensure the Region complies with COVID-19 Waiver requirements along with other waivers/acknowledgements (Concussions, Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Emergency Treatment Authorization, etc.)
- 2) **Monitor [state and local health advisories](#)**
 - Work with Region Board to determine planned start of activities and health/safety precautions for activities. Ensure compliance with any official state/local requirements.
 - Prepare safety plan, demonstrating guidelines and accommodations for social distancing, cleaning and disinfecting, contact reporting and communications to families, as Facilities Use Permit holders may require for securing field permits. Provide Certificates of Insurance as requested.
 - Apply [Ready Set PLAYSOCCKER guidelines](#) as appropriate and help communicate them to parents and volunteers.
- 3) **Plan Field Spacing, Equipment and Supplies**
 - In addition to providing standard First Aid Kits, obtain face masks, gloves, disinfecting products and hand sanitizers for coaches, volunteers.
 - Work with Coach Administrator, Referee Administrator and Field Directors to identify proper spacing for teams at practice, playing field layouts and spectator seating for proper distancing.
 - Provide necessary field markings.
- 4) **Serve as a COVID-19 Point of Contact (Regions may assign to CVPA)**
 - Respond to all COVID-19 related concerns and questions.
 - Ensure that all volunteers, families and local officials know how to contact you.
- 5) **Communication Systems (Regions may assign communications to CVPA)**
 - Work with [local health officials](#) to develop a reporting system (e.g., letter) for Region to use to notify health officials and Regional members of COVID-19 cases, while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the [Americans with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#) and other applicable laws and regulations.
 - Let volunteers and families (as feasible) know that consistent with applicable law and privacy policies, they should self-report to the Region if they have [symptoms](#) of

COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.

- Every effort must be made to protect the confidentiality and privacy of all involved including never revealing the name of the individual or family reporting a case of COVID19 except to the local health agency as required.
- Advise those who have had [close contact](#) with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home and [self-monitor for symptoms](#), and to follow [CDC guidance](#) if symptoms develop.
- Notify volunteers and families, using template provided, in the event of a possible COVID-19 exposure or if the Regional facilities have closures or restrictions related to COVID-19 exposure (e.g., limited hours of operation), maintaining the confidentiality and privacy of those involved. For more information, see:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing-comms.html>.

6) **Ensure [AYSO Incident Reports](#) are completed for COVID19 Incidents.**

- Ensure coaches, referees, team parents and board members know that any participant who reports symptoms of COVID19, tests positive for COVID19 or who is exposed to someone with COVID19, must report to the Region in keeping with Health department requirements and that an **AYSO Incident Report must be completed and submitted to the Safety Director**.
- When notified by a family, identify which family member is either ill with COVID-19 symptoms, tested positive for COVID-19, or had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case. Identify which family household members have been to an AYSO activity (parents, siblings, etc.) to identify who should be notified of possible exposure.
- As with all Incident Reports, forward a copy of the Incident report to riskmanagement@ayso.org.

COVID-19 Reporting Flow Chart

