



Gulf Coast Youth Soccer Club Game Day COVID Prevention Protocol



Gulf Coast Soccer is required to follow state and local return to play protocols as a condition to operate the club. As a participant in our club or on our complex you must also agree to follow these protocols. Failure to follow these protocols may result in your dismissal from the club or the complex. Thank you for your understanding and support during this difficult time, Gulf Coast Soccer

- Parents are asked to wait until the sideline from the previous game clears before coming out to the field, or until 5 minutes prior to the game. Spectators to exit sidelines promptly once the game is over to make way for the next game.
- All spectators must wear a mask or maintain social distancing (6') while at the complex.
- Coaches must verify players have completed a self-check health questionnaire prior to the start of the game. Each club should have a self-check process for families to verify their children are healthy and have answered standard Covid Health Questions. [Sample Self-check Form HERE](#)
- Referees will complete a health questionnaire each day provided by the host complex.
- Teams are asked to practice social distancing (6'), arms-length distance
 - During pregame and warmup
 - Team talks and water breaks
 - Half time
 - End of game
- Players on the bench will wear masks if they are not socially distanced (6').
- Coaches should wear masks if sitting with the team in the bench area, but masks are not required if coaches maintain social distancing from players and refs (6').
- All teams and clubs agree to have a process in place to verify the players and coaches in place, and the coach or manager agrees to fill out the health verification form prior to each game.
- Game cards should only be handled by the ref only.
- Bench areas should be clean of all rubbish after each game by the teams exiting the field. The next team coming in should disinfect the benches prior to using them or have players bring their own chairs.
- No shared or team watering stations or hydration stations.
- Coaches should ensure their equipment is cleaned and vests, if used, are not used by more than one player.
- Parents should sit across from their team. Do not sit on the half across from your opponent. **Everyone should practice social distancing (6') from anyone outside your immediate household.**
- After each game the head coach should make sure they have contact info for the other teams coach. Have contact cards pre-made for easy exchanges.
- Coaches or managers should call the opposition coach and complex safety officer if at any time after the game he or she learns a player, coach or parent was sick during the game. If a player tests positive for COVID within 10 days after a game, please fill out the [Participant Positive COVID-19 Report Form](#) and email to COVID-RTP@gcysc.com.
- When Injuries occur:
 - Whoever checks on the player must wear a mask.
 - If dealing with blood, the person should wear fresh gloves. Gloves should not be reused.
- Intentionally Spitting and coughing on people will not be tolerated.