

Gettysburg AYSO Return To Play Overview FAQ

AYSO National's general guidelines, guidance from the CDC and from PA, and feedback from our own coaches and board members were used to create Gettysburg's COVID-19 Guidelines. These may be updated at any time to reflect new information on best practices or new guidelines from AYSO National, the CDC, or PA Dept of Health.

Please understand some guidelines may seem more stringent than necessary as we would prefer to err on the side of caution. Although some protocols may result in temporary restrictions in play for players and feelings of disappointment, it is key that **all participants in AYSO's kid-centered, recreational program respect these guidelines for the benefit of the overall Gettysburg AYSO community.**

Below you will find our Frequently Asked Questions for our "Safe Return To Play" policy.

What can we do to help keep AYSO players and volunteers safe?

- *Everyone is required to properly wear protective masks.*
- *Each family is asked to check their athlete's temperature at home, and refrain from participation if he or she has a fever (≥ 100.4 degrees F). BY ATTENDING PRACTICE, YOU ARE CONFIRMING THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN THIS STEP PRIOR TO ATTENDING ANY AYSO FUNCTION.*
- *Please inform us immediately by calling the Gettysburg AYSO Covid Contact @717-759-0148 should your child or anyone in your family test positive for COVID-19 so we can inform any and all staff/families on your child's team.*
- *If possible, parents are asked to remain in their cars during training sessions and games after checking their player in with the coach. Should parents decide to observe sessions from the sidelines or to socialize with other parents, they are REQUIRED to wear face masks should they leave the parking lot or enter the field of play area. This requirement will be in place until further notice.*

What changes will be made to practices and games?

- *Masks required to be worn properly by all players, coaches, volunteers, and spectators.*
- *Coaches will log players that attend practice and games to help with contact tracing.*
- *No handshakes, high-fives or hugs.*

- *Players to bring their own equipment (ball, hand sanitizer, water bottle, towels, etc.) such that no equipment is shared between players.*
- *No sharing of water, towels, and personal equipment.*
- *Pinnies will not be shared by different people during practices unless cleaned and disinfected in between uses.*
- *Players and Coaches will use their own equipment and properly sanitize all equipment after every training session. Players and Coaches will not share or touch another participants equipment.*
- *Cones, goals, flags and other equipment to be handled by coaches only.*
- *Social distancing (6' minimum) will be enforced during explanations, breaks and on sidelines.*
- *We will provide adequate field space for social distancing on the sidelines for players not playing.*
- *All soccer activities will be staggered/spaced out to minimize interactions with other athletes.*

Can a player or volunteer participate if they have tested positive for COVID-19?

If a player or volunteer has had a documented case of the COVID-19 infection, or has had direct contact with somebody who has, within three weeks, a doctor's note is required to clear them to participate in team practices and games.

What will AYSO do if someone tests positive for COVID-19?

- *Gettysburg AYSO has a dedicated contact for Covid contact tracing and will maintain privacy while notifying everyone who came into contact with the contact traced person when an issue arises.*
- *If a player, coach, or volunteer have symptoms, test positive, or have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for Covid, we ask they contact the AYSO Covid contact at Gettysburg.ayso.coaches@gmail.com or 717-759-0148 within 24 hours.*
- *If a player or volunteer has had a documented case of the COVID-19 infection, or has had direct contact with somebody who has, within three weeks, a doctor's note is required to clear them to participate in team practices and games.*