

## HIGHLAND PARK AYSO

### RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES

- During registration, you should have completed the Covid-19 Waiver. If you did not, we will let you know and ask you to do so as soon as possible and return it via e-mail to registrar@hpayso.org. **Your son/daughter will not be allowed to participate in any activities if you do not fill this form out.** Highland Park AYSO does not provide any insurance coverage for Covid-19 related claims.
- Players will be grouped in “pods” rather than “teams.” A player’s assignment to a particular pod is final and non-modifiable for the duration of the season. All AYSO Activity Sessions will take place within the pod; there will be no activities conducted between or amongst different pods.
- Please only attend the AYSO Activity Session designated for your child’s pod. Pods must remain consistent and isolated from each other.
- Carpools to and from AYSO Activity Sessions are discouraged.
- Please make sure your child is healthy before attending AYSO Activity Sessions. Parents are encouraged to take their child’s temperature before all AYSO Activity Sessions. If a player or coach has a fever or exhibits any other symptoms of illness, that player or coach must not attend a AYSO Activity Session. Coaches will be conducting informal checks of their players’ health and will remove any player from a AYSO Activity Session if the coach reasonably suspects that the player is ill. Coaches decisions to remove a player from a AYSO Activity Session based upon a reasonable suspicion that the player is ill are final and non-reviewable.
- During AYSO Activity Sessions, players and coaches will be observing social distancing by keeping a distance of 6 feet between each other. AYSO Activity Sessions will be skills focused, with players working on ball mastery, speed/agility, dribbling, passing, and receiving.
- Please have your player dressed and ready for AYSO Activity Sessions before coming to the field. Players should walk to their assigned field and drop their bag next to one of the cones the coach has laid out (which will be placed at least 6 feet apart).
- Parents and other spectators that are not members of the same household must observe social distancing from all players, coaches and other parents and other spectators that are not members of the same household during all AYSO Activity Sessions.
- Players should bring their own inflated soccer ball, shin guards, drinks and other personal equipment. Players should not share drinks or equipment and coaches will not have extra soccer balls, shin guards or other personal equipment.
- Players and spectators are encouraged to wear masks as they walk to the fields. Players are not required to wear masks during AYSO Activity Sessions. On the other hand, players are not prohibited from wearing masks during AYSO Activity Sessions so long as the mask does not present a hazard to the player or other players. Coaches will be wearing masks while within 10 feet of players.
- Players are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes to AYSO Activity Sessions. Our coaches will not have enough hand sanitizer or disinfectant wipes for general use, and their priority will be making sure all pod equipment is disinfected before, between, and after AYSO Activity Sessions. Please have your

player use the restroom at home prior to training. Portable bathrooms will not be available at our fields as in prior years.

- During AYSO Activity Sessions, players on the sidelines from the same pod will be required to maintain at least 6 feet of social distance and pods will be required to remain 30 feet apart.
- During AYSO Activity Sessions, at no time will a parent be allowed on the field or on the sideline reserved for players and coaches unless summoned by a coach or referee to attend to an injured player. Coaches and referees will have the sole discretion whether or not to allow a parent on the field to attend to an injured player.
- During AYSO Activity Sessions, spectators who are not members of the same household will be required to maintain at least 6 feet of social distance. Coaches and referees may, but are not required to, request that non-complying spectators comply with this guideline.
- After AYSO Activity Sessions, there will be no “hand shakes” and no snack time. At the conclusion of a AYSO Activity Session, pods will be encouraged to applaud the coaches and the referee(s) or perform a cheer for the coaches and the referee(s).
- Coaches and referees must report any violations of these Return to Play Guidelines by a player, parent or other spectator to Highland Park AYSO’s administrative staff for further action within four (4) hours of the violation of these Return to Play Guidelines. The report must be made by sending an e-mail to [covid@hpayso.org](mailto:covid@hpayso.org). Any action to be taken against a non-complying player, parent or other spectator shall be determined on an expedited and non-reviewable basis by Highland Park AYSO’s Regional Commissioner who may, in his or her sole discretion, consult with Highland Park AYSO’s Child Volunteer Protection Advocate and Highland Park AYSO’s Fields and Safety Director.
- Highland Park AYSO reserves the right to remove or suspend a player or coach or bar any parent or other spectator from any AYSO Activity Session for non-compliance with these Return to Play Guidelines.
- Parents are required to immediately inform their child’s coach if the child or any member of the household becomes ill or tests positive for the Covid-19 Novel Coronavirus prior to that child’s participation in any AYSO Activity Session. A coach who is informed that a player or any member of the player’s household becomes ill or tests positive for the Covid-19 Novel Coronavirus shall immediately report that information by sending an e-mail to [covid@hpayso.org](mailto:covid@hpayso.org).
- If a coach or any member of the coach’s household becomes ill or tests positive for the Covid-19 Novel Coronavirus, that coach shall immediately report that information by sending an e-mail to [covid@hpayso.org](mailto:covid@hpayso.org).
- A player or coach will not be allowed to participate in an AYSO Activity Session if the player or a member of the player’s household or a coach or a member of the coach’s household is ill or tests positive for the Covid-19 Novel Coronavirus.
- Upon a report that a player or coach has tested positive for the Covid-19 Novel Coronavirus, that player or coach shall be immediately suspended from all AYSO Activity Sessions until such time as the player or coach can provide to Highland Park AYSO’s Regional Commissioner a negative test result for the Covid-19 Novel Coronavirus.

- Upon a report that a player or coach has tested positive for the Covid-19 Novel Coronavirus, the pod that the player or coach is assigned to shall be immediately suspended from all AYSO Activity Sessions for a period of at least fourteen (14) days from the date of the report. During such period, all players and coaches assigned to a suspended pod shall be encouraged to be tested for the Covid-19 Novel Coronavirus. A pod shall remain suspended until such time as fourteen (14) days have passed from the last positive test of a player or coach assigned to that pod for the Covid-19 Novel Coronavirus.
- Parents are reminded that Highland Park AYSO's coaches, referees and administrative staff are all volunteers – determined to provide your children with an experience consistent with AYSO's Mission and Vision Statements during a period of unprecedented challenges for our community.
- Highland Park AYSO reserves the right to modify these Return to Play Guidelines based upon prevailing conditions and updated guidance from local, state and national health officials. Any modifications will be communicated as quickly as possible and in as efficient a method as possible and are in effect as soon as communicated. Failure to read these Return to Play Guidelines will not excuse or justify non-compliance.