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Coronavirus/COVID-19 Protocols & Guidelines

AYSO National's general guidelines, guidance from the City of Chicago and State of Illinois, and feedback from our own coaches and board members were used to create AYSO Hyde Park/Kenwood Region 751's COVID-19 Guidelines. These may be updated at any time to reflect new information on best practices or new guidelines from AYSO National, City of Chicago, or State of Illinois.

The information below is separated into three categories: I) For AYSO 751 Families, II) For AYSO 751 Volunteer Coaches, III) For AYSO 751 Volunteer Referees. Please read through all sections to be fully informed.

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 AYSO 751 community.**

If you have questions or concerns about the guidelines, or need to report COVID-19 exposure, please reach out to AYSO 751's Safety Director: Ravi Nair - ayso751@gmail.com or 312-505-9474.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- For AYSO National's general guidelines, please go to: <https://www.aysovolunteers.org/ready-set-playsoccer/>
 - For City of Chicago information, please go to: <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home/latest-guidance.html>
 - For State of Illinois information, please go to the state's website: <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov> and the Illinois Department of Health website: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19>
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I. For AYSO 751 Families

AYSO 751 will provide volunteer coaches and referees with guidelines and additional tools focused on minimizing the risk of viral spread including cleaning materials, training ideas, and communication protocols.

Please note: If a player, coach, or team is deemed an exposure risk, participation in AYSO activities may be limited until the safety requirements have been met to return to regular play.

Please read below for our region's guidelines for a safe and fun 2020-21 outdoor season.

If a player tests positive or has had close contact with someone who has tested positive, please notify the AYSO Safety Director as soon as possible and within 24 hours: Ravi Nair - ayso751@gmail.com or 312-505-9474.

The Safety Director will ensure that the appropriate steps are taken, including notifying the coach and the rest of the team of possible exposure if applicable, while respecting the family's privacy.

Please do your part and **do not** bring your player to soccer if:

- Your player, a member of your player's household, or a member of your player's "school pod" tests positive.¹
- Your player has symptoms of illness, **even if the symptoms are minor.**
- Your player has had "close contact" (as defined by CDC) with someone who tested positive for the COVID virus.
- Your player does not meet the health criteria to attend school on a given day.

¹ If the player, anyone in the player's household, or a member of the player's school pod tests positive for the COVID virus, the player should only return to AYSO activities after meeting the state health guidelines for home quarantine as noted here: <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/home-quarantine-guidance>

If your player tests positive or has "close contact" with someone who tests positive for the COVID virus, please inform the Safety Director as soon as possible and within 24 hours. The Safety Director will inform you of next steps and, when necessary, share information appropriately following our protocols for privacy and safety.

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I. For AYSO 751 Families (continued)

***Please check communications regularly.** Please add your player’s coach and AYSO 751’s Safety Director to your contact list to ensure messages do not go to the junk folder.

SAFETY REMINDERS for AYSO 751 ACTIVITIES

- Your player should bring their own ball (well-labeled!) and their own water bottle to every practice.
- Remind your player to wash their hands well before and after practices and games.
- Wash your player’s uniform after each game.
- No team “Snack Time”. Families may bring individual snacks to pass out to players, but these should only be eaten at a distance from others or after leaving the field.
- Everyone over the age of 2 years old who attends an AYSO activity (including practices or games) must wear a mask covering nose and mouth and follow physical distancing guidelines, regardless of vaccination status.

*There will be **zero tolerance** for shaming of players, families, or volunteers who experience illness or exposure and follow these guidelines. Although players may be disappointed or upset if an activity needs to be postponed, please remember: This is a pandemic, we are in this together, and we will work together to ensure safe and fun soccer.*

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II. For AYSO 751 Volunteer Coaches

AYSO relies on and values the dedicated volunteers who keep soccer running. These guidelines are in place in order to minimize the risk of viral spread among players and volunteers, as well as the community at large.

Please note: If a player, coach, or team is deemed an exposure risk, participation in AYSO activities may be limited until the safety requirements have been met to return to regular play.

In addition, AYSO 751 will share training ideas and communication support for coaches when needed.

Please reach out to AYSO 751's Coach Administrator and Division Coordinator at any time for additional support: Vanessa James – ayso751coach@me.com, phone; Radiah Smith-Donald – ayso751coordinator@gmail.com, 773-643-2861.

Please read below for our region's guidelines for a safe and fun 2020-21 outdoor season.

If you receive notice that a player has tested positive, or has had close contact with someone who has tested positive, please notify the AYSO Safety Director as soon as possible and within 24 hours: Ravi Nair at ayso751@gmail.com or 312-505-9474.

The Safety Director will ensure that the appropriate steps are taken, including notifying the coach and the rest of the team if applicable, while respecting the family's privacy.

Please do your part and **do not** participate in AYSO activities if:

- You (the coach) or a member of your household tests positive.¹
- You have symptoms of illness, **even if the symptoms are minor.**
- You have had “close contact” (as defined by the CDC) with someone who has tested positive for the COVID virus.

¹ If the coach or anyone in the coach's household tests positive for the COVID virus, the coach should only return to AYSO activities after meeting the state health guidelines for home quarantine as noted here:
<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/home-quarantine-guidance>

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II. For AYSO 751 Volunteer Coaches (continued)

Coaches, please:

- ➔ **Check communications regularly.** Please add the contact information for all players on your team as well as for AYSO 751's Safety Director (Ravi Nair - ayso751@gmail.com or 312-505-9474) to your contact list to ensure messages do not go to the junk folder.
- ➔ Maintain an attendance log for practices and games.
- ➔ Use resources from AYSO National for ideas on how to maximize skill development and fun, while minimizing exposure risks.
- ➔ Do not hesitate to remind anyone over the age of 2 years to wear a mask covering nose and mouth and follow physical distancing guidelines while watching or participating in practices and games.
- ➔ Do not hesitate to have a player sit out of practice if they are exhibiting symptoms of illness, even minor ones.

SAFETY REMINDERS for AYSO ACTIVITIES

- Coaches should wear a face covering over the nose and mouth for the duration of the practice.
- Players should use and bring their own ball to practices for drills and activities.
- Players should not share equipment or water bottles.
- Please bring a well-marked "COACH" ball to practice for scrimmages or other shared-ball activities.
- Please bring a correctly-sized "COACH" ball to the field for game days.
- Remind players to wash their hands well before and after practices and games.

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III. For AYSO 751 Volunteer Referees

AYSO relies on and values the dedicated volunteers who keep soccer running. These guidelines are in place in order to minimize the risk of viral spread among players and volunteers, as well as the community at large. They apply to AYSO 751's registered referees as they officiate matches on game days, and for our coaches and impromptu volunteers who help on game days or oversee scrimmages.

AYSO 751 will have hand sanitizer, facial tissues, and extra masks available for use on game days.

Please reach out to AYSO 751's Referee Administrator and Division Coordinator at any time for additional support: Ben Smith-Donald – ayso751ben@gmail.com; Radiah Smith-Donald – ayso751coordinator@gmail.com, 773-643-2861.

Please do your part and **do not** participate in AYSO activities if:

- You (the volunteer referee) or a member of your household tests positive.¹
- You have symptoms of illness, **even if the symptoms are minor**.
- You have had “close contact” (as defined by the CDC) with someone who has tested positive for the novel coronavirus.

¹ If the volunteer referee or anyone in the volunteer's household tests positive for COVID-19, the volunteer should only return to AYSO activities after meeting the state health guidelines for home quarantine as noted here:
<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19/community-guidance/home-quarantine-guidance>

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SAFETY REMINDERS for AYSO ACTIVITIES

- Referees should maintain physical distance guidelines as much as possible.
- Per the IL Department of Health, masks are required for referees and assistant referees.
- Do not hesitate to remind anyone over the age of 2 years to wear a mask covering their nose and mouth and to follow physical distancing guidelines while watching or participating in AYSO activities.
- After the game, handshakes are not permitted, but do applaud the players and coaches.
- Disinfectant wipes and facial tissues will be available at the AYSO shed on game days for use as needed.