



# HYR Covid-19 Policy for Outdoor Soccer

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HYR will not require players to wear masks on the field while playing outdoor soccer. The physical distance, air dilution, and solar radiation while playing soccer outside should minimize the risk of transmission from person to person. We will not require the coaches to wear masks on the sidelines. We will paint lines on the side of the field perpendicular to the sideline at 4 feet apart and ask kids to stay that distance on the sidelines instead of huddled together.

Any player or coach can wear a mask at their own discretion at their own comfort level.

Parents and spectators, please observe safe distancing on the sideline between family groups. If you or your player are not feeling well or experiencing covid-like symptoms, please do not attend HYR Practices or games. If you or a family member has been asked to quarantine from work or school, please do not attend HYR practices or games.

HYR came to this policy in discussion with local physician and epidemiological experts. Studies in the spring of 2021 suggest that in outdoor sports, “outbreaks may be triggered, by related interactions such as carpooling, sleepovers and team celebrations, when people let their guard down, rather than from the outdoor practices and games themselves.”