



BUCKEYE YOUTH SOCCER- OUTDOOR GAME AND PRACTICE PROTOCOLS

The purpose of this document is to ensure responsible return to play. These guidelines for players, spectators, and coaches are put in place for the safety and well-being of our community. This document is to be used in concert with the recommendations set forth by state and local officials. The most up to date information can be found by visiting www.coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Health Assessments – Players, coaches, spectators, and officials must conduct daily symptom checks prior to any on campus activity. This self-assessment must be done prior to each event. Anyone experiencing symptoms must not attend the event. Do not let our player attend if their temperature is above 99.6 degrees or are not feeling well- headache, cough, sore throat, nausea, loss of smell/ taste, chills, shortness of breath, aches or fatigue.

Social Distancing – Players and spectators are expected to maintain a safe distance before, during, and after activities. Parents are encouraged to drop players off at practice. For those choosing to stay, you must remain in your car, there is to be no congregating in the parking lot. During games spectators are to sit in the designated areas marked with paint to ensure social distancing.

Face Coverings – Everyone must wear face coverings to and from the fields. Players may remove face coverings during competition and practice but must replace when not in the game or participating in physical activity. All spectators, parents included, must wear a mask at all times. For those that are unable to wear a mask they must provide a doctor's excuse. This is to be submitted to the board 24 hours prior to the game to soccer@buckeyesoccer.org and presented at game when asked for documentation.

Equipment – Coaches will set up equipment and follow proper sanitation procedures. All players are to have their own water bottles and should never share with anyone else.

Hand Sanitizer/Hand Washing – Please wash hands often. If hand washing is not an option, please use hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer will be available at each game and practice.

Games – Coaches and spectators are always required to wear masks. Please limit the number of spectators to 4 per family. Players are required to wear masks when not on the field and must social distance (6ft) apart while on sidelines. Players, spectators and coaches are not to attend any games if their temperature is above 99.6 or are not feeling well- headache, cough, sore throat, nausea, loss of smell/ taste, chills, shortness of breath, aches or fatigue. Spectators are to sit in the designated areas marked with paint to ensure social distancing. There is to be no congregating before or after the game. If guidelines are not followed by the team or the team's spectators, the game will be forfeited. A team will be suspended after a second offence if guidelines are not followed.

Travel – Teams must follow the State and Local guidelines established by the public health jurisdiction to which the team is traveling. When traveling outside the city, we must adhere to any additional guidelines of the host community.

Suspected/Confirmed Cases – Will work with the local health department to identify individuals who were potentially exposed to help facilitate contact tracing. Any affected individual must follow the procedures set forth by the Ohio Department of Health before returning to competition.

[NFHS/OHSAA Covid-19 Soccer Recommendations](#)

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