

# Hampton Youth Soccer COVID Management Policy Revised: 08/29/21

## Overview

This policy is effective immediately and provides guidance and requirements to players, parents, coaches, and board members on the handling of situations of COVID-19 exposures or infections within the Hampton Youth Soccer program. This policy may be reviewed and revised at any time by the HYS Board as needed to adjust to changing situations, requirements, or science.

This policy has been implemented because the majority of the children involved in this program are *not* eligible for the current COVID vaccinations and are therefore at higher risk of transmission and infection. The HYS Board, league representatives, and coaching staff are made up of volunteers and cannot be responsible for the safety of the children without the full cooperation of parents, children, coaches, and spectators. **The HYS Board reserves the right to terminate the soccer season prematurely for lack of compliance or an unmanageable exposure situation.**

## Requirements

- If any player or coach has any of the known symptoms of COVID-19 they or their parents should inform their coach(es) and abstain from practices and games until the symptoms are confirmed to not be COVID-related or have received a negative test. The HYS Board encourages people to use the symptom listing and symptom checker on the CDC website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
- If any player or coach has a confirmed positive COVID-19 test for themselves or any member of their household, they or their parents must immediately inform their coach(es), give them the date of the positive test and/or when they first showed symptoms, and be quarantined from practices and games until they pass the Quarantine Requirements below. *We strongly encourage any COVID-19 positive persons to communicate with Franklin County Public Health.*
- Any coach receiving a report of COVID-like symptoms or a positive test needs to inform their League Representative of the situation within 24 hours. If the team was exposed to the infected person within 48 hours of symptoms or a positive test, they must:
  - Inform all parents of all players as to the situation so they can make informed decisions regarding their own players.
  - Hold no practices for the ten days following exposure
  - Reschedule any games that were to be played during the ten days following exposure
- No coach may penalize a player from play time in practices or games due to missing practices or games due to a quarantine or due to a parent voluntarily quarantining due to concern over exposure.
- Due to the disruption these measures may cause to our game schedule and tournament rankings we remind all coaches that games take priority over practices, and should the fields be needed for games during your practice time, you may need to practice in open space at East Park, or potentially relocate the practice to an alternate venue. The board will be organizing potential alternate practice locations.

- For the 5-8 league best effort will be made to ensure referees can be available for your rescheduled games; please communicate with your League Rep as soon as you have discussed a reschedule time with the opposing coach to give us time to line up referees, and get approval from the League Rep prior to informing the parents and making the time change official.
- Finally, should rescheduling a game not be possible the game will be recorded as a tie for tournament placement.

## **Quarantine Requirements**

Quarantine means no participation in any capacity in practices or games; quarantined individuals are not allowed to be present at East Park, even if masked, before, during, or after any practices or games.

**If a player or coach has a positive test** they must be quarantined for the entire length of their illness plus 7 days past the ending of all symptoms OR until they have gotten two negative Covid tests greater than 24 hours apart.

**If a player or coach has another person in their household with a positive test** they must self-isolate for 14 days past the most recent positive test in their household and may only resume practices or games if they have zero symptoms after the self-isolation period . “The most recent positive” means if multiple people in your household receive positive tests, you must take the most recent one to start the 14 day self-isolation and it will reset if another positive test is received.