



WSSC COVID 19 – Protocols 2022

WSSC programming will operate in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the State of New York, the Centers for Disease Control, US Soccer, US Youth Soccer and New York West Youth Soccer Association. A detailed account of these guidelines can be found in their entirety on the NYSWYSA page: <http://nyswysa.org/nyswysa-return-to-play-update>

The following is a list of responsibilities that participants in WSSC programming will be expected to follow until further notice:

Players:

- If you are not comfortable with returning to play, Don't!
- Follow all Return to Play Protocols - Players must check-in upon arrival at session with designated coach or program director.
- Do not share any equipment, water or food.
- Wash hands thoroughly before, during and after all sessions.
- Ensure all equipment: ball, footwear, water bottle, shin guards etc. are sanitized before and after each session.
- Athletes should come prepared with:
 - Clean and appropriate soccer attire for each session.
 - Mask on at all times. This includes when entering and exiting the training facility as well as during play.
 - Hand Sanitizer/Sanitizer Wipes.
 - Soccer bag: (clearly labeled).
 - Labeled water bottle – type: mouth spout is covered by lid and not to open air.
 - Tissues for any allergies or to blow nose.
- Place soccer bag/gear 6 feet away from everyone (you will be directed to a designated area).
- No hand-shakes, High 5's, fist bumps or group celebrations. Avoid unnecessary and deliberate contact.
 - No handling of equipment by players (only coaches will handle cones, pinnies, goals, etc.).

Parents:

- If you are not comfortable with returning to play, Don't! You make the decision when your child returns to play.
- Follow all Return to Play Protocols – Players must check-in upon arrival at session with designated coach/program director
- Check child's temperature before every session/game.
- Ensure all clothing is washed after each session/game.
- Ensure all equipment: ball, footwear, water bottle, shin guards, etc. and clothing are sanitized before and after each session
- Follow all social distance requirements for Drop off and Pick up (parents and spectators are prohibited from attending indoor training sessions to keep density numbers down).
- Be mindful of Drop off and Pick-up times. Your promptness will help minimize/reduce potential high density gatherings
- Ensure players have plenty of their own water
- If your child exhibits COVID symptoms, do not attend the session
 - Symptoms: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/protect-yourself-and-your-family-coronavirus-covid-19>
- Notify your coach/program director immediately if your child becomes ill for any reason.

General: • We will continue to follow the originally posted guidance regarding the mask requirement. Our primary responsibility is to the youth players who are participating and they are not able to be vaccinated. Since the updated outdoor mask guidance pertains to vaccinated individuals, we will continue to follow the current posted guidelines for youth sports.

- Responsible Parties and spectators must ensure a distance of at least six feet is maintained among individuals at all times, whether indoor or outdoor, unless safety or the core activity (e.g. practicing, playing) requires a shorter distance. If a shorter distance is required, individuals must wear acceptable face coverings, unless players are unable to tolerate a face covering for the physical activity (e.g. practicing, playing); provided, however, that coaches, trainers, and other individuals who are not directly engaged in physical activity are required to wear a face covering.
- We encourage and recommend a spectator limit of no more than 3.
- With the exception of the first session (for organizational purposes), arrive no sooner than 15 minutes before the start time of your training session. Depart within 10 minutes after your training session (no lingering).
- Players/Parents must check a child's temperature and monitor for any symptoms BEFORE leaving their home for any session/event and upon arrival at the session, check-in with the designated coach/program director.
- Parents must always follow drop-off, pick-up protocols
- When not on the field playing soccer – players must have a mask on and be 6 feet from all other individuals.
- Players in U6 and under must stay with their parents, during games and practices, if they are not participating or are on the sideline.
- Only coaches will touch/handle equipment (IE. cones, pinnies, goals, etc.). There will be no sharing of pinnies among players. If pinnies are used, the player will use the same pinnie for the duration of the training session and return it at the end of the training session (for washing).

Identification of COVID Exposure

- Parents of participants will notify the proper authorities per New York State Health Department guidelines if the participant or someone in the participant's home is presumptive positive or tests positive for COVID.
- WSSC will follow New York West Youth Soccer Association, New York State and CDC guidelines for proper protocols related to contact tracing procedures.

COVID Point of Contact

For all WSSC COVID related policy questions and concerns, please contact us at: info@westsenecasoccer.com

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