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Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation Guidelines Relating to COVID-19
for Athletic Facilities REVISED 9/1/21

Chesterfield County Parks and Recreation is committed to ensuring the health and safety of all citizens as we respond to the constantly changing situation surrounding COVID-19. The Department is continuing to take appropriate actions consistent with directives from the Virginia Governor's Office, CDC, and the Virginia Department of Health.

Questions related to COVID-19's impact on athletic programs should be directed to the Athletics Manager, Bill Carlson at 804-241-8485 or Ronnie Hobson at athletics@chesterfield.gov.

As a friendly reminder, the best way to protect everyone is through mitigation with a layered approach that includes vaccination, masks, physical distancing, and avoiding crowds. Anyone who experiences symptoms of COVID-19 should immediately consult with a healthcare professional.

Co-sponsored Groups, Leagues, Organizations and Rental Group Responsibilities:

1) Sign and acknowledge Return to Play Protocols and distribute to all teams, managers, coaches, players/parents, officials/referees prior to the resumption of activities.

- All organizations must comply with these protocols as well as all state and local orders and regulations
- Signed protocols should be emailed back to Ronnie Hobson at athletics@chesterfield.gov

2) Conduct daily screenings (completed by parents/guardians and/or coaches) for the duration of the season.

Daily screenings should include the following questions:

- Is the participant currently experiencing fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) or a sense of having a fever?
- Is the participant currently experiencing a new cough that cannot be attributed to another health condition?
- Is the participant currently experiencing new shortness of breath that cannot be attributed to another health condition?
- Is the participant currently experiencing new chills that cannot be attributed to another health condition?
- Is the participant currently experiencing a new sore throat that cannot be attributed to another health condition?
- Is the participant currently experiencing new muscle aches that cannot be attributed to another health condition or specific activity (such as physical exercise)?
- Is anyone in the participant's household sick with any COVID-19 symptoms?
- Has the participant had contact with anyone, including household members, who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

If a participant answers "yes" to any of the questions above at any time before or during the activity, he/she will not be allowed to attend the activity and must stay home. The participant or his/her parent or guardian should immediately notify their respective coach, league, or association that the participant will not be attending because of illness.

3) Report COVID-19 cases and exposures as defined below, per COVID REPORTING PROCEDURES.

Positive Case or Related Illness: Positive COVID-19 test results or COVID symptoms

Close Contact Exposures: Being within six-feet of a person who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, OR

- Having direct exposure to respiratory secretions (e.g., being coughed or sneezed on, sharing a drinking glass or utensils, kissing), or
- Caring for, or living with, a person who has COVID-19

COVID REPORTING PROCEDURES

If a participant (player, coach, parent, official, spectator) or someone in his or her household exhibits COVID-19 symptoms or has a close contact exposure to someone experiencing symptoms or who has tested positive, the league/group representative should:

Report the issue immediately to Parks and Recreation, Ronnie Hobson at athletics@chesterfield.gov, additionally, based on the *Quarantine Requirements* chart below, players, coaches, parents of players, officials, and opposing teams should be notified.

The following information should be included with notifications and reporting:

- Name of association and/or league
- Name of team or age level (example flag or minor)
- Sport being played
- Date of positive case or possible close contact exposure
- Date of last practice and/or game
- Location of last practice and/or game
- Other teams involved if you were playing a game
- What/if any steps has the infected player taken

All reported documentation is kept on file for future contact tracing if needed. **FOR PRIVACY PURPOSES, PLEASE DO NOT LIST PARTICIPANTS NAME.** Please state, "a participant on this team has . . ."

- Parents are responsible for reporting positive cases or possible exposures to their child's respective school.
- The Health Department is automatically notified of any COVID-19 positive test conducted by a healthcare professional or in a medical office. Local testing sites can be searched via the following link: [COVID-19 Testing Sites](#).
- Ensure that participants who test positive for COVID-19 follow any applicable league requirements and refrain from participation in practices, games, etc. until proper quarantine period is over.
- All COVID-19 positive cases and close contacts are required to participate in, and comply with, any instructions provided by VDH during and because of contact tracing.

Teams are asked to monitor and report any changes to participant's test results. Leagues/Associations may abide by stricter rules if they so choose regarding having a negative PCR test before players return, quarantine timeframes, etc. Home tests that result in a positive COVID-19 result should be confirmed with a PCR test by a healthcare professional.

Outdoor settings are generally safer than indoors. In outdoor school settings, VDH recommends those who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during outdoor activities that involve sustained close contact with other people. ***This is especially important for athletes playing close contact sports.***

We highly recommend vaccination, physical distancing, masking, and grouping athletes in cohorts when possible to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

INCIDENT	QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS	QUARANTINE TIMELINE	REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
Player sent home by school to quarantine	Quarantined and not allowed to practice/play	10 days from date sent home by school unless school requires longer quarantine period, whichever is greater	Notify team members of positive player; Notify opposing teams played within past 5 days; Report to athletics@chesterfield.gov
Player tests positive for COVID-19	Quarantined and not allowed to practice/play	10 days after positive test result is received; more guidance below	Notify team members of positive player; Notify opposing teams played within past 5 days; Report to athletics@chesterfield.gov
Teammate of player testing positive for COVID-19	Players in CLOSE CONTACT quarantine and not allowed to practice/play	14 days from date of close contact	Notify team members of positive player; Notify opposing teams played within past 5 days; Report to athletics@chesterfield.gov
UNVACCINATED players in CLOSE CONTACT with positive COVID-19 case	Quarantined and not allowed to practice/play	14 days from last contact with positive case; may be shortened with a negative PCR test following VDH guidelines and evaluation by a healthcare provider	Notify team members of player in close contact; Report to athletics@chesterfield.gov
VACCINATED players in CLOSE CONTACT with positive COVID-19 case	No quarantine if, and for as long as, no COVID-19 symptoms	None or 14 days if COVID-19 symptoms develop	Notify team members of player in close contact; Report to athletics@chesterfield.gov
Household member of player tests positive for COVID-19 or becomes sick with COVID-19 symptoms	Considered CLOSE CONTACT and player is quarantined and not allowed to practice/play.	14 days from last contact with ill family member; Period may be shortened with negative PCR test following VDH guidelines and evaluation by a healthcare provider	Notify team members of player in close contact; Report to athletics@chesterfield.gov
Participant, coach, official, etc. becomes ill with any COVID-19 symptoms during an activity	Immediate on-site isolation from others; Future requirements dependent upon investigation of illness	Varies depending on results of illness or 14 days from incident	Notify team members of player in close contact; Report to athletics@chesterfield.gov

Participants diagnosed with COVID-19 may not return to play until:

- At least 10 days since the participant first had symptoms have passed, and
- Participant is fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, and
- Participant's symptoms have improved

MASK MANDATES & REQUIREMENTS

- Masks are required to be worn inside of all county schools by all individuals regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks are recommended but not required while participants are actively playing a sport on the gym floor. Once they leave the gym floor, masks should be put back on.

Parks and Recreation Department Responsibilities:

- Ensure that all co-sponsored groups/renters have received, reviewed, and signed the Return to Play Protocols
- Keep up to date records of all reported cases
- Notify Assistant Director of Recreation, Director, Assistant Director of Parks, Chief of Parks, park employees that work in the specific district, all rovers, and any other employees that may have worked near the facility in question
- Ensure that leagues/associations are aware of quarantine procedures and dates they can return to play
- Submit work orders to parks for full sanitization of infected areas
- On a case-by-case basis: close the facility or field in question for at least 48 hours or until proper sanitization can occur
- Ensure that league/group representative have notified all participants within the league and file all correspondence for future reference

Virginia Department of Health | <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus> | 804-318-8207

Center for Disease Control | <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus> | 800-232-4636

I have read and understand the protocols and guidelines above. My organization has sent out information to all teams, team managers, coaches, players/parents, and officials/referees prior to the resumption of activities. This correspondence 1) explained that organizations will comply with all state and local orders/mandates; 2) contained the Return to Play Protocol - General Guidelines for all Leagues and Sports; 3) encouraged all event attendees to practice physical distancing; 4) explained that any person who is experiencing symptoms of sickness should not enter the venue of play; and 5) made clear that all posted and published state and local guidelines shall be followed.

My signature serves as written acknowledgement of the above.

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Signature

League/Group Name: _____