

Regent SC Families,

The Regent SC Board has elected to require face covering at all Regent events this Spring even after Order #15 and MAYSA have dropped the face covering mandate. This decision covers **all Regent SC teams / coaches / members who will continue to wear face coverings both on and off the pitch.** All Regent SC policies and procedures are still in place.

Because this is a club-by-club decision, it may mean that our teams who compete outside of the club (11U+) may have some games where their opponent is not wearing masks. If your family is not comfortable in that environment please reach out to your coach and advise them that your player will not compete against teams that are not also masked. We have asked that coaches / managers contact their opponents ahead of time to discuss this issue.

For 10 and under teams, our Alliance partners, Shorewood and Middleton United, have also made the same decision.

We decided to continue with masks for a variety of reasons, including:

- After discussing with UW physicians and our contact at Public Health, this is the safest way for our players to get back to the pitch
- This maximizes each team's chances to complete the season
  - The cost of a COVID case on a team is high: a 2-week stoppage without any chance to reschedule the lost games
- This Spring is still filled with a lot of unknowns.
  - Vaccination rates are up, but so are Wisconsin's cases.
  - Schools are opening, but the virus variants appear to affect kids more
- We can revisit the decision
  - This is only a decision for the 8-week Spring season
  - If circumstances change dramatically, we will consider a new situation

We appreciate that there are 2 sides to every decision. We are hopeful, though, that you'll appreciate there is no perfect path for this Spring and our main goal is the safety of ALL our members.

We look forward to providing a safe and fun environment for our players and getting back to soccer this spring!

Regent SC Board