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Introduction to Play

Dear MSC Families,

As we prepare to start the fall season, we want to communicate important information that pertains to returning to play and practice.

As a club we are following the US Soccer Associations Play-On Protocols. These protocols have been adopted by both the Wisconsin Youth Soccer Association (WYSA) and the Madison Area Youth Soccer Association (MAYSA).

- To read the full protocols, please review the references section:

Requirements for Daily Participation in Practices

1. Players should conduct a daily temperature check. Any player with a temperature greater than 100.4 should NOT attend training. If you do not have a thermometer at home, conduct a daily health questionnaire online with the “Coronavirus Self-Checker,” made available by the CDC.
2. If a player meets any of the conditions outlined in 3-5 below, or has any of the symptoms noted below, they should not participate in practice or go to the soccer fields. Parents should communicate with the club at covid19.mcfarlandsoccer@gmail.com in accordance with the Safe Soccer Framework and the U.S. Center for SafeSport policies and guidance. Families may be required to speak with their physician as to whether further testing or quarantine is recommended.
3. Known COVID-19 exposure in past 14 days (the player has had an exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19) or the player themselves is being tested for COVID-19.
4. Player is experiencing any of the symptoms below:
 - Sore throat
 - Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
 - Fever >100.4 F
 - Chills
 - Headache

- Sinus congestion
 - Cough persistent and/or productive
 - Joint aches and soreness
 - Vomiting or diarrhea
 - Rash
 - Loss of taste or smell
5. Should a member of your household be experiencing the symptoms above, the family member should consult a physician. The player should not join training or participate until confirmation that the family member is negative for COVID19.

Medical Clearance

1. To return to play for any individual that has tested positive or has had known exposure in the last 14 days must adhere to the following:
 - a. Home quarantine for 14 days
 - b. Written confirmation of COVID-19 negative test results by testing facility or physician allowing return to play is required and need to be sent to covid19.mcfarlandsoccer@gmail.com.
2. As Phase II includes increased activities and exposure risks, any individuals with a pre-existing medical condition is recommended to provide UPDATED written clearance from a physician for return to full participation.
3. Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 will need to provide written confirmation of COVID-19 negative status from physician or official test result and/or clearance from your physician following the most up-to-date CDC guidelines for return to full participation in sport & activity.
4. Individuals who have experienced known COVID-19 exposure in the past 14 days, will not be able to play or practice for 14 days and/or until they have written confirmation of COVID-19 clearance from your physician following the most up-to-date CDC guidelines.
5. For individuals who experienced any illness during shelter-in-place, written clearance from your physician that you are COVID-free is required.
6. Be prepared to report the onset of any new symptoms to your coach or to the club as soon as possible. Contact your physician and follow the recommendations above for return to play.
7. Individuals who may be at increased risk of COVID-19 (including but not limited to age >65y/o, chronic cardiac or respiratory conditions including hypertension or diabetes, or have an immunocompromised state) should seek guidance by their physician as to their participation.

Procedures if a Positive Test or Exposure Occurs

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1. To respect families' privacy and Protected Health Information laws names of players with positive test or exposures will be kept confidential according to PHI laws and guidelines. Families may contact their coach or Ryan Amundson at covid19.mcfarlandsoccer@gmail.com to report an exposure or a positive test.
2. The board will review the information provided and will inform other players of the potential exposure. Both the player who tested positive and exposed players will be unable to resume play until 14 days after the exposure and physician clearance is obtained. Depending on the extent of the exposure, this may result in a 14-day quarantine from play/practice for the entire team.
3. In addition to this information, we are attaching the parent and player Play On Checklists from US Soccer.

Practice Dropoff and Pickup:

1. All participants (coaches, players, referees, instructors, administrators) are recommended to wear new or clean PPE upon arrival, departure and when not physically active during activities.
2. Parents and guardians should be thoroughly aware of all safety recommendations, and ensure their family follows them. Parents and guardians should be thoroughly aware of all safety recommendations, and ensure their family follows them.
3. Parents and guardians should support the coach and organization in adhering to all safety recommendations.
4. Accompanying parents and guardians are encouraged to stay in their cars or depart the area while their child is training. Note that anytime there is one coach alone with players, there should be one adult (designated parent or club staff) observing from a distance, in accordance with the Safe Soccer Framework and the U.S. Center for SafeSport policies and guidance.
5. Allow the club to maintain accurate contact tracing lists by minimizing family presence close to the field.
6. Parents and guardians should not congregate together and should follow social distancing guidelines.
7. Parents or guardians should have the contact information of relevant staff.
8. Parents are not allowed out on the fields at any time and must stay in the parking lot and follow local guidelines.
9. If parents can't follow these requirements the player will be removed from practice without explanation.
- 10. If a player shows or exhibits blatant disregard for ANY of the following above the coach will contact MSC and MSC will send the parents an email explaining the circumstances and remove the child from practices without refund. ZERO exceptions.**

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