



## **Recap of questions following the Return to Play Powerpoint from Tuesday, August 4, 2020**

**Alabama Soccer Association provides a service to members to play soccer in Alabama which is available under Governor Ivey's Extended Safer at Home Orders. We will adapt and adjust as needed for this fall. We are all in this together to provide the safest soccer environment available under these circumstances and everyone is provided an option to play if they choose to for the seasonal year.**

### **What does the ASA insurance cover on COVID-19?**

We are reviewing our renewal policies for this seasonal year and it does have an exclusion on the communicable disease. It is one of the reasons we implemented the Return to Play waiver in May when we were allowed to return to the soccer fields. We can send the policy to a club if it is requested.

### **How much risk are we assuming as a club?**

Every year we have signed waivers to play soccer and attend events with teams. Under Governor Ivey's Extended Safer at Home Orders, we are allowed to play sports with sanitation, mask, social distancing, etc. guidelines. Each participant makes a choice to play each day in our programs. Each club is committed to do their due diligence to maintain the requirements under the Governor's orders and other recommendations provided by ASA, US Youth, and US Soccer.

### **What happens if one of our players tests positive for COVID-19?**

Under the CDC guidelines and Alabama Health Department, they are under the supervision of their physician. The player or participant would need clearance to return to play just as we use with the concussion procedure. The club would need to track the information and continue to communicate with ASA and the CDC on recommendations to proceed forward. Each club should be writing and creating their own communicable disease guidelines and procedures for tracking their participants during this time based on club, facility, and local ordinances.

### **Is the team quarantined for 14 days if a player tests positive?**

Each positive test is a case-by-case scenario according to the CDC. It all depends on the scenarios above based on the recommendations from the physician and any updated CDC or Alabama Health guidelines.

**If we attend a tournament, who do we contact if there is a positive test?**

You would need to contact the tournament director and if you know your opponents, contact them to let them know you had a positive test. Remember, you cannot mention names just if they were a player, coach, spectator, etc.

**How we do manage people in our own parks who are not following guidelines like the mask order?**

Alabama Soccer Association is supporting our members to continue to play the sport we love. Governor Ivey has mandated masks across our state so we should try to support her guidelines as much as possible and educate our members about why it is important to wear a mask and/or have one with you so we can be safe when in conversations with others. We all have rules in our clubs and facilities so it is holding a standard to what is already in place and trying to enforce the rules as we can moving forward. Most of it goes to education and having difficult conversations as needed.

**What happens if we travel to our opponent and they are not following guidelines?**

We have asked the HOME team to contact the visiting to make sure you can discuss the guidelines and any additional COVID information for your park. We are all in this together and we are providing support to manage the safest environment possible for our participants who choose to play soccer. We hope everyone continues to have conversations about creating the safest environment as we continue to move forward during the fall.

**How much time should we have between games?**

It depends on your park entrance and exit and game day set up. Do you have a space you can designate as warm-up? Try to keep teams to 30 minute or early arrival to the park. It would be nice to have 20-30 minutes between games but we understand some facilities are limited in space and access to additional time on fields. Just try to move teams and spectators off the fields and away from the bench areas as quickly as possible following training and games.

**Why are parents not allowed in the training facilities during practice/training times?**

We are trying to limit the exposure to as many people as possible so only coaches and players should be at sessions. We do not follow our kids into the school classrooms so let's apply the same concept at the fields-it is a learning environment with a qualified coach. Let's try to keep the training/practice environment limited in traffic and limited exposure to our members.

**Coaching Education and Referee Training has been and is currently being scheduled for the fall. We have been allowed to do a lot of training for the courses virtually with limited in-person time and we will continue to have some adaptations moving forward.**