

Salem Youth Soccer Spring 2021 COVID-19 Protocols & Guidelines

In accordance with the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Salem, and the New Hampshire Soccer Association (NHSA) Salem Youth Soccer will be implementing the following protective measures for execution of its 2021 Spring season.

General Protective Measures

- Any player exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed to participate in Salem soccer activities and would be asked to leave. If they are sick, please stay at home.
- At this time in accordance with Town ordinances and School district fields policies **players are required to always wear masks at Salem fields**. This means on the sideline, when transiting to/from the field, and when in active play.
- Coaches, referees, and spectators must always wear a mask when Town or School fields where Salem soccer events take place.
- All Salem soccer players and spectators are expected to follow visiting team COVID protocols.
- All spectators must continue to maintain the standard 6ft distance from others who are not from the same household (*even those who are vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19*).
- All players must check in upon arrival with the designated team representative before taking the field to answer COVID-19 screening questions in order to be clear to play.
- All teams are required to track attendance at each event for contact tracing purposes.
- Players or parents/guardians may be asked to leave if they are not adhering to proper protocols.
- Players and family members are encouraged to continue to follow general CDC guidance on hand washing, sanitization, and social distancing.

All the above applies to vaccinated individuals or individuals who have recovered from COVID-19.

COVID-19 Exposure Protocols

- Any positive COVID-19 test result received for anyone participating or attending a Salem soccer event must be reported to a Salem soccer board member and the team's coach/manager.
- Any player/coach testing positive for COVID-19 will not be allowed to participate in Salem soccer activities until they serve out the current CDC recommended quarantine period.
- Any sibling of a positive COVID-19 player also participating in Salem soccer must also quarantine but may prove a negative test result at the end of the infected player's quarantine period to return to play.
- Any team affected by a positive test result will suspend activities for 10 days **OR** until all remaining players receive a negative PCR test result on or after day 5 from the exposure.
- Any player identified as a close contact by the Salem school district and/or State of NH will not be allowed to return to play until serving out their quarantine requirement.
- Any player who has traveled internationally or via cruise ship will not be allowed to participate until serving out the current CDC recommended quarantine.

Guidance for Practices/Games

- All types of drills/scrimmaging are allowed. All normal soccer game play is allowed.
- Limit unnecessary contact including handshakes, high-fives and close huddles.
- Pinny's can be utilized but must be washed before re-use.
- Hand sanitizer should be on hand at all sessions.
- Spectators are limited to 1 individual at practice sessions and are limited to up to 2 spectators per athlete for game day activities.
- There will be no use of benches or bleacher seats. Spectators should bring their own seat.
- Break areas for players must continue maintain the appropriate 6ft distancing and any group huddles where instruction is provided should be spaced out.
- Teams should clear the fields immediately after conclusion of their activity.
- MICHELLE PARK: Arriving teams must wait in the parking lot (maintaining 6ft distance and masked) for the teams currently playing to clear the fields.
- MORSE FIELDS: Arriving teams may gather on a field of play not in-use but still respecting the 6ft distance and mask requirements. If both fields are in use than players should remain in their vehicles until one field is cleared.

Guidance for Vaccinated and COVID-19 Recovered Individuals

- All the general protective measures and practice/game session guidance still apply those who have been vaccinated and those who have recovered from having contracted COVID-19.
- There may be exceptions to individuals impacted by the COVID-19 exposure protocols for those who have been vaccinated and those who have recovered from having contracted COVID-19. We will review these on a case-by-case basis.

Links

Town of Salem Community Services

<https://www.townofsalemnh.org/recreation-division/pages/community-services-covid-19-service-status-level>

NH Safer at Home Amateur and Youth Sport

<https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt381/files/inline-documents/2020-05/guidance-amateur-youth-sports.pdf>

New Hampshire Soccer League (League COVID Protocols)

<https://soccernh.com/club-covid-resource-fields/>

US Centers for Disease Control

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>