



COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols for AYSO Alliance Program in Davis

(Guidance as of February 26, 2021)



Introduction

The following protocols aim to safeguard and promote the health and well-being of players, coaches, other needed volunteers and families as much as possible in relation to COVID-19. They seek to follow AYSO National policies, regulations established by public health authorities, guidance from medical professionals and best practices being followed by other youth sports organizations. Protocols will be updated on a periodic basis to maintain compliance with AYSO and local health guidance. This guidance takes into consideration the guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health on February 19, 2021 (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/outdoor-indoor-recreational-sports.aspx>) and is subject to change as conditions and local and state regulations change. *These protocols assume that Yolo County is in “purple or red tier with an adjusted case rate equal to or less than 14 per 100,000.”* These protocols are a living document and will likely be updated over the next few weeks.

General Protocols for Training Sessions and Games

Authorized Participants

- (1) Players: Only players registered with AYSO and approved to train as part of an AYSO team may participate in training sessions or games. Players should participate with only one AYSO team.
- (2) Coaches: Only coaches registered with AYSO and approved to train as part of an AYSO team may participate in training session and games. Coaches should participate with only one AYSO team.
- (3) Referees: Only referees registered with AYSO and approved to participate in a game. Referees will only be allowed to referee one game per day.
- (4) COVID-19 Safety Monitor: This volunteer will be responsible for monitoring and supporting coaches in implementing the specific protocols for health and safety for players, coaches and parents listed below. Specific duties are included in the Appendix B.
- (5) Spectators: **Spectators are currently not allowed on the field at training sessions or at games.** [AYSO is currently evaluating whether to allow one adult member of the player’s immediate household within a designated area on the field to observe and be available in case of injury to the player¹ during games.]

Approved Training Sessions and Games

Approved Trainings. AYSO teams should follow a general schedule and location for training sessions, as established in coordination with the AYSO administrator responsible for the program.² Coaches can add or change training sessions but should inform the AYSO administrator when they do so.

¹ CDPH GUIDANCE: “Limit observation of youth sports (age 18 years and under) to immediate household members, and for the strict purpose of age appropriate supervision. This includes observation of practice and competition. Limit number of observers to ensure physical distance can be maintained, reduce potential crowding, and maintain indoor and outdoor capacity limits.”

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Approved Games. AYSO teams can only participate in games (including friendlies) that have been approved by the AYSO administrator responsible for the program. Per CDPH guidance, no team should participate in tournaments, and teams can play in only one game per day against other teams.

Approving Authorized Participants to Participate in Approved Trainings and Games

Authorized Participants (i.e., players, coaches, referees and the COVID-19 Safety Monitor as described above) must be approved to participate prior to each training session or game. Participants are authorized to participate only if (a) they are free of COVID-19 symptoms and (b) they have had no known “close contact”³ with a person who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms or had a positive COVID-19 test. Authorized Participants should complete both an “at-home assessment” and an “on-field assessment” prior to being authorized to participate in trainings:

At-Home Assessment: If any participant is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (see Appendix B for a list of typical COVID-19 symptoms) at home or has had known “close contact” with a person who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms or had a positive COVID-19 test, she or he should not come to the training session or game and should inform the coach prior to the session. In coordination with the AYSO Region 218 Safety Director, the coach (or, in the case of a coach or referee, the AYSO administrator responsible for the program⁴) will provide guidance for return-to-play.

On-Field Assessment: If any participant is identified as experiencing COVID-19 symptoms based on temperature checks and screening questions (included in “Guidance for COVID-19 Safety Monitor” document) conducted by the COVID-19 Safety Monitor at check-in, the COVID-19 Safety Monitor should inform the player and the coach. The coach will instruct the participant that they will not be able to participate in the training session or game, and, in coordination with the AYSO Region 218 Safety Director, the coach (or, in the case of a coach or referee, the AYSO administrator⁵ responsible for the program) will provide with guidance for next steps and return-to-play.

2D programs. The AYSO United Davis Club Administrator is the relevant AYSO administrator for AYSO United Davis programs.

³ CDC defines “close contact” as less than six feet for 15 minutes or more: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html>

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Weekly Testing: In addition, to comply with recommendations of CDPH, all participants should be tested at least once a week through the free COVID testing of asymptomatic individuals now being offered through Healthy Davis Together (<https://healthydavistgether.org/testing/>). We will ask players if they have been tested in the past week at check-in.

Informed Consent Form: All participants must sign and submit to AYSO an informed consent form. Coaches will provide families and players with the informed consent form.

Standard Protocols for Training Session or Game

- **Check-in:** As noted above, all participants (including players, coaches and referees) involved in the training session or game will check-in with the COVID-19 Safety Monitor to complete necessary no-contact temperature checks and screening questions prior to participating in the training session or game. A coach will check-in the COVID-19 Safety Monitor with the same process.
- **Masks:** All participants will wear face coverings during practice, during conditioning and during competition, even during heavy exertion as tolerated. See the [American Academy of Pediatrics Interim Guidance on Return to Sports](#) for specific exceptions where the face covering may become a hazard.
- **Physical Distancing:** Participants should generally maintain a physical distance of six feet or greater “to the maximum extent possible.”
 - All participants should maintain physical distancing when arriving at the field for check-in.
 - Participants should place their equipment at least ten feet away from the equipment of other participants.
 - Participants should not physically touch (e.g., high 5s, fist bumps) others at the training session or game.
 - Coaches and referees should maintain a physical distance of at least six feet: (a) between each other and (b) between themselves and players. (NOTE: Coaches and referees will remain six feet away from an injured player while determining if medical attention is needed. If needed, the coach from the player’s team should attend to the injured player.)
 - Players should maintain a physical distance of at least six feet when participating in drills that do not require contact.
 - Players can be at a distance of less than six feet when participating in games (or game-like activities as defined by the coach). These games or game-like activities should encourage physical distancing as much as possible.
- **Sanitation:** All participants should use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol before, during (midpoint) and at the conclusion of each session.
- **Equipment:** Only coaches and the session’s COVID-19 Safety Monitor will handle training equipment. Coaches can request parent volunteers who have signed the AYSO COVID-19 waiver to move goals if they wear masks and sanitize their hands before and after moving the goals. All equipment, including soccer balls, will be cleaned and disinfected by the coaches and/or the session’s COVID-19 Safety Monitor at the end of each session.



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APPENDIX A: Specific Responsibilities of Coaches Related to Health and Safety Protocols

- Coaches will follow guidance provided by the COVID-19 Safety Monitor at the session. Coaches will instruct players to respect and follow guidance provided by the COVID-19 Safety Monitor.
- Coaches will print out and bring in a folder to each session the documents listed in Appendix B and Appendix C. After each session, coaches will put the updated COVID-19 Check-in Sheet back in the folder -- and have it available for the AYSO program administrator upon request.
- Coaches will ensure that a check-in and hand sanitizing station is set up at each session.
- Coaches will provide any equipment that may need to be shared during each session (e.g., soccer balls, cones, individual bibs). Coaches are responsible for ensuring this equipment has been cleaned between each session.
- Coaches and the session's COVID-19 Safety Monitor will set up the field and handle coaching equipment (e.g., cones) during the session. Coaches can request parent volunteers who have signed the AYSO COVID-19 waiver to move goals if they wear masks and sanitize their hands before and after moving the goals.
- Coaches will have available single-use bottled water for players that did not bring sufficient quantities of water to stay hydrated.
- Coaches will ensure that if ice packs or other first aid are needed, they will not be shared and, if reusable, will be disinfected between uses.
- If a player is injured during a session, coaches will use their best judgment to decide if physical distancing requirements need to be broached to assess the injured player. If a player's family member is available to come onto the field, the coach will attempt to coordinate an assessment of the player's fitness and injury with the family member.
- Coaches will submit a standard AYSO incident report⁶ to the AYSO administrator responsible for the program⁷ and to the AYSO Region 218 Safety Director (safety@davisayso.org) of "any participant who reports symptoms of COVID19, tests positive for COVID19 or who is exposed to someone with COVID19."⁸ The AYSO administrator responsible for the program and the AYSO Region 218 Safety Director will provide guidance to the coach and families of the affected team on how to proceed.

***** Important*****
Anyone receiving report of COVID19, must protect the privacy and confidentiality of the parties involved except as required to report to the Health Department.

⁶ Click here to access the standard AYSO Incident Report form: https://www.aysovolunteers.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Incident_Report_Form_with_Instr_rev07012020-v2.pdf

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⁸ <https://www.aysovolunteers.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/AYSO-Guidance-Safety-Director-2020-0721-v2.pdf>



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APPENDIX B: Specific Responsibilities of Parents Related to Health and Safety Protocols

- Parents will respect and follow guidance provided by the COVID-19 Safety Monitor. Parents should feel comfortable contacting the COVID-19 Safety Monitor with any questions or suggestions about the health and safety protocols being followed at the session.
- Parents, except for the COVID-19 Safety Monitor and parents helping to move goals (following guidelines above), are not permitted to be on the field or on the sidelines (including inside the fence at Playfields) during training session or game. Parents will wear face masks and abide by physical distancing requirements when dropping off or picking up their player.
- Parents will ensure their players are healthy and are requested to take player temperatures before each session. If players have a fever (e.g., a temperature over 100°F), players should not attend the session, and parents should notify coaches immediately.
- Consistent with applicable law and privacy policies, parents should notify coaches immediately if their player has COVID-19 symptoms, a positive test for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
- Parents, other than the COVID-19 Safety Monitor, will not assist coaches with equipment before or after training session or game. Coaches can request parent volunteers who have signed the AYSO COVID-19 waiver to move goals if they wear masks and sanitize their hands before and after moving the goals.
- Recommended that player's clothing is washed after every session, and all equipment they bring (ball, cleats, shin guards, etc.) are sanitized before and after every session.
- Recommended that each player brings water and their own hand sanitizing products to every session.
- Recommended that all families to participate in the free COVID testing of asymptomatic individuals now being offered through Healthy Davis Together (<https://healthydavistogether.org/testing/>). We will encourage families to be tested at least once and preferably twice a week.



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APPENDIX C: Specific Responsibilities of Players Related to Health and Safety Protocols

- Players will respect and follow guidance provided by the COVID-19 Safety Monitor. Players should feel comfortable contacting the COVID-19 Safety Monitor with any questions or suggestions about the health and safety protocols being followed at the session.
- Players will wash hands before and after each session.
- Players will be responsible for bringing their own equipment including cleats, shin guards, water, a ball and gloves (for keepers).
- Players will bring their own water and not share or touch any other players' equipment or possessions (gloves, water bottles, phones, etc.)
- Players will practice social distancing, and place bags and personal equipment at least 10 feet apart from other players' bags and personal equipment.
- Players will not share drinks or use water fountains at the training facility.
- Players will observe physical distancing requirements.
- Players will wear masks throughout the training session or game with the exception that coaches can allow players to take off masks only during individual conditioning drills that ensure players are more than ten feet away from each other at all times.
- Players will label all equipment they bring to training session or game (ball, water bottle, etc.).
- Recommend that each player brings their own labeled hand sanitizer at every session.
- Players should inform parent or coach if they feel unwell for any reason.
- Recommended that each player brings water and own hand sanitizing products to every session.
- Participate in the free COVID testing of asymptomatic individuals now being offered through Healthy Davis Together (<https://healthydavistogether.org/testing/>). We encourage players to be tested at least once and preferably twice a week.



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Appendix D: Responsibilities of COVID-19 Safety Monitor

GENERAL

Thank you for your time today! We appreciate your help. Please wear a face mask throughout the training session or game and maintain a distance of six feet from all participants and parents.

You are responsible for helping AYSO and the coaches maintain a training environment that follows the COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols. Your assistance in observing the training session or game and intervening in the training session or game to ensure compliance is needed, expected and supported.

Please contact the the AYSO administrator responsible for the program⁹ and/or the AYSO Region 218 Safety Director (safety@davisayso.org) with any questions, suggestions, issues or recommendations related to the COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols.

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BEFORE STARTING CHECK-IN PROCESS

1. Please provide the coach with a signed COVID-19 waiver <https://www.aysovolunteers.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/ayso-covid-19-waiver-9.1.20201.pdf> for your participation as an AYSO volunteer. The coach will maintain a list of volunteers who have already submitted a waiver. Volunteers only need to submit the signed COVID-19 waiver once.

COVID-19 SAFETY MONITOR CHECK-IN

2. Please ask a coach to complete a temperature check and screening questions for yourself before conducting the check-in of coaches and players. Please record your name and check the boxes related to the temperature check and screening questions on the check-in form.
3. Sanitize your hands and the thermometers.
4. Display the “Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)” documents (in English and Spanish) in a location that parents and players can see. Display the document with screening questions (in English and Spanish) in a location that parents and players can see.
5. Fill out the top section of the AYSO Check-in Sheet (provided by the coach).

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PARTICIPANT ARRIVAL

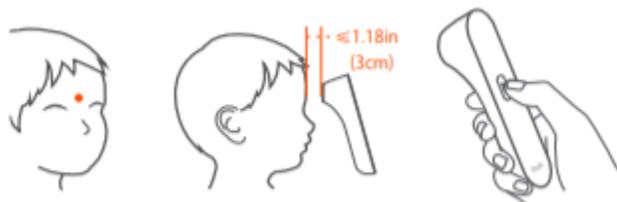
6. Please ensure all players, coaches and parents wear face masks when arriving. Please remind everyone to keep masks on when arriving.
7. Please ensure players and coaches place their bags, water and other equipment about 10 feet apart.
8. Players and coaches can chat and warm-up as they wait for check-in, as long as they stay about six to ten feet apart and wear masks.

PARTICIPANT CHECK-IN

9. Squirt hand sanitizer on the participant being screened.
10. Ask the participant the following screening questions:
 - a. Have you or any of the people with whom you live had any of the following symptoms: Fever or chills? Cough? Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing? Fatigue? Muscle or body aches? Headache? New loss of taste or smell? Sore throat? Congestion or runny nose? Nausea or vomiting? Diarrhea?
 - b. Have you or any of the people with whom you live been in close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Notify the coach if a participant responds in the affirmative to either of the above questions. The coach should (i) ask the participant to go home, (ii) provide the individual with instructions on managing COVID-19 symptoms at home, and (iii) submit an incident report to AYSO.

11. Complete the temperature check:
 - a. Concussion bands should be removed 30 minutes before temperature check. Sweat or sunblock should be wiped off before screening. Do not take temperature reading over a scar or scab. Only screen a person who is not facing into the sun. Shade should be on their skin for the check.
 - b. Take the temperature reading at the center of the forehead about one inch away from the skin. Do not take a temperature reading from any other area. If the thermometer touches the skin, disinfect the thermometer and ask the player to put sanitizer on their forehead.



Hold the button until you feel a vibration.



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- a. If the reading is at or lower than 96°F, please recheck the player’s temperature or ask a coach for assistance. If the reading continues to be below 96°F, ask the coach to use a different thermometer.
- b. If the reading is between 96F and 100°F, please put a check mark next to the players’ name for the date of the training session or game. Please do not record a temperature number. The player is cleared for practice.
- c. If the reading is at or higher than 100°F, please have the player or coach rest in the shade and hydrate for 10-15 minutes. Recheck the temperature. If there is a second temperature reading over 100°F, notify the coach. Coach should (i) ask the participant to go home, (ii) provide the individual with instructions on managing COVID-19 symptoms at home, and (iii) submit an incident report to AYSO.

Using and Storing Thermometers

Thermometer readings will be inaccurate if the weather outside is colder than 59 ° F or hotter than 104 ° F. Thermometer needs 30 minutes in the environment to calibrate itself to the outside temperature before screening. This Thermometer is a precision instrument. Please store it in the container it came in at an environment between 60° F to 104° F.

12. Ask the player if they have participated in a Healthy Davis Together COVID test in the past week and record the response.

DURING TRAINING SESSION OR GAME

13. Squirt hand sanitizer on each participant at least once during the middle of the practice.
14. During practice, watch and remind players and coaches of six feet physical distancing during breaks. Coordinate with coaches on intervening during the training session or game, as needed.

AFTER TRAINING SESSION OR GAME

15. Give participants one last squirt of sanitizer.
16. Assist with cleaning balls/cones/goals/sanitation table and any other cleaning that needs to be done after practice.
17. Chat with coaches after practice about any recommendations for future training session or game.
18. As appropriate, contact the relevant AYSO administrator with any observations or suggestions.



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Appendix E: Materials for COVID-19 Monitor to Have Available

Coaches should ensure the COVID-19 Monitor has the following documents to display and provide to players and families as needed:

COVID-19 Monitor's Check-in Sheet

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1LWMDqgUEFnuNdYd8pWE1tWIJYWDMR9j694c_b7ZTm0Y/e/dit?usp=sharing

Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) - CDC, English version

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/COVID19-symptoms.pdf>

Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) - CDC, Spanish version

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/COVID19-symptoms-sp.pdf>

Managing COVID-19 Symptoms at Home - CDC, English version

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/10Things.pdf>

Managing COVID-19 Symptoms at Home - CDC, Spanish version

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/10Things-spanish.pdf>

AYSO Incident Report

https://www.aysovolunteers.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Incident_Report_Form_with_Instr_rev07012020-v2.pdf

AYSO COVID-19 Waiver

<https://www.aysovolunteers.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/ayso-covid-19-waiver-9.1.20201.pdf>

Healthy Davis Together Information

English: <https://healthydavistogether.org>

Spanish: <https://healthydavistogether.org/es/>