Middletown SAY COVID 19 Protocols

1. All parents must conduct daily assessments of themselves and their children prior to coming to a team practice, scrimmage, game, or function. All coaches must conduct daily assessments of themselves prior to coming to a team practice, scrimmage, game, or function. Anyone who is experiencing symptoms should not attend function until they are symptom free
2. Any player, spectator, referee, board member, or coach that has attended a team practice, scrimmage, game, training, or other MYSA function and gets a positive test for COVID must notify Middletown SAY.
3. Masks
   1. MYSA will not require masks be worn by participants while on the soccer field
   2. MYSA will leave the decision of whether players wear masks while of the field up to parents/guardians
   3. MYSA asks that parents, family members, and other spectators to understand current federal, state, and local regulations/orders/protocols with respect to wearing masks on the sideline
   4. MYSA will ask coaches to put a mask on if close contact is required, such as evaluating an injury
4. Social Distancing
   1. MYSA will mark identify the participant and spectators’ side for all field and publish that to all teams, both in-house and other MVS districts, and on our website
   2. MYSA will mark the spectator sideline with identifiable markings 6” feet apart showing where each set of parents/family can stand. Depending on the size of the field, Middletown SAY may use the end lines as well, which in normal circumstances are not available for spectators
   3. MYSA will supply coaches’ enough cones to cover all their players. The cones must be used placed by each coach at 6-foot intervals for players to place any equipment/etc., that they bring to the practice or game. Players should be instructed by parents and coaches that when they are not on the field they should stay at their cone.
   4. MYSA will ask that no end of game tunnels where parents/spectators form at tunnel and players run through be done. We will be determining a couple of options to do for end of game celebrations
   5. No end of game handshakes will be done. MYSA will determine a respectful and safe method for players to express sportsmanship to their opponent
   6. Pre-game player inspections completed by referees will be with each team on their representative sidelines and players at their individual cones
   7. We are stressing to all coaches and spectators that there should be no congregating together after functions. Coaches should use phone/text/email, etc. to communicate any information
   8. MYSA will be scheduling games in a manner to spread games out to give teams time to enter and exit the field with minimal interaction of other teams entering or exiting the field
5. Parents should make sure that players bring the own soccer ball and water bottle and that both have their child’s names on it.
6. Parents should stress to their children that the children need to refrain from physical interaction with other players while not in the act of training, practicing, or playing soccer.
7. MYSA will provide coaches with a set number of game balls to be used during games. These balls will need to be wiped down once they are used for a throw-in and prior to be used again for a subsequent thrown in
8. Any coach or parent who has a player who may play goalie may purchase goalie gloves. If coaches hand out goalie gloves, we suggest have each pair of gloves for each goalie and not resuing gloves until they can be washed.
9. We will ask all coaches to attempt to bring hand sanitizer to all team activities for anyone to use. MYSA is exploring the potential and availability of hand sanitizer stations.
10. We ask that any teams that wish to do team snacks that they be individually packaged or wrapped and that anyone helping to distribute use hand sanitizer prior to helping
11. Coaches should be responsible for placing and picking up any cones or other training equipment. Players should not be asked to retrieve them. All equipment should be cleaned prior to be using at the next functions