



West Virginia Soccer Association

PO Box 3360 - Beckley, West Virginia 25801
(304) 252-9872 - (800) 894-9872 - Fax: (304) 252-9878

September 8, 2020

To: All WVSA Clubs, Club Members, WVSA Board of Directors & Staff

Re: WVSA Return to Play Update 9/8/2020

Fr: Dave Laraba - WVSA Executive Director

Today the Governor and State Health Officials reported that on visits to various activities around the state there were many people not wearing Masks. Please be sure to enforce the WVSA Masks Policies for Players and Coaches and strongly recommend that All Spectators wear a mask!!!

As of today, WVSA members are permitted to train and play. This may change at any time!! PLEASE continue to support and enforce the WVSA Return to Play Policies!!! There have been several reports of exposure to COVID among players and coaches. WVSA clubs have reacted quickly and under the direction of their local health departments. The State of WV will send Health Officials to inspect how clubs are compiling with Return to Play Policies.

When clubs travel to out of state events be sure to find out in advance what the rules are for masks, social distancing, number of spectators and other COVID related issues. Parents if you do not want to follow the local rules, STAY HOME!!! Do not be the cause of games being cancelled and teams or clubs being sent home and or bared from traveling to that state by your actions!!

So far, knock wood, there have been no reported cases of spread within the soccer family. Keep up the good work and lets keep our members on the field!!!!

WVSA continues to work with USYS, other state associations and the WV Governor's Office to provide guidance to WVSA members as the fall season gets underway. We have sent out a Game day Guide that combines WVSA Policies and some suggested Best Practices in a format for parents, players, coaches and clubs. We hope that this will be useful for everyone. **As of today, the Governor has not issued an order for non-school events. The State of WV will send Health Officials to inspect events that are being held. Take every precaution to be sure we can keep playing.** Please be sure to follow all State of WV, your local Health Department and WVSA Policies as you Return to Play. The only way we have to attempt to keep our players on the fields are to follow the guidelines. WVSA Clubs, Parents, Players, Coaches and Staff continue to do a good job of following the guidelines and staying safe. Don't let up!!! As schools reopen there will be increased opportunity for exposure so please keep following all guidelines so we can keep playing soccer and stay safe!!

To Members, Questions concerning your Childs registration and any refunds need to be directed to your local club. If you do not know who to contact locally please email me and we will get you the contact. dave@wvsoccer.net