



Stoneham Soccer Club

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COVID-19 Tracking, Reporting, and Return to Play Policy

I. Purpose

Establish COVID-19 tracking, reporting, and return to play procedures. This policy is based on the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association COVID-19 Spring 2022 Recommended Procedures dated March 11, 2022 which is included on the Mass Youth COVID Hub www.mayouthsoccer.org/covid-hub

II. Policy

Tracking:

Attendance is no longer required as contact tracing is not required for outdoor activities regardless of mask use (per the Stoneham Board of Health [BOH]). Thus, if a member of SSC is diagnosed with COVID-19, contact tracing for Team members, opposing Team members, Coaches, and Referees will not be conducted by the BOH. However, the following steps to report a positive test result are required under the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association.

Reporting a Positive Test Result:

In all instances of a positive COVID-19 test result, the participant (Coach, Player or Referee) must notify SSC and SSC will notify the team(s) and Massachusetts Youth Soccer as follows.

Step 1: If a SSC Coach, Player, or Referee has been diagnosed with COVID-19, they shall email Stoneham Soccer Club StonehamSoccer@gmail.com with the following information: name of the SSC participant, team name, date the test was administered, date of receipt of positive test results, and last time the person was at a SSC event (i.e., game or practice).

Step 2: In accordance with Massachusetts Youth Soccer Notification Procedures, the COVID-19 SSC Officer, SSC Registrar, or SSC President will send an email to the individual's SSC Team of the positive test result (and will notify the opposing Team and Referee if the game was played within the two days prior to the day the test was administered). SSC will not release the name of the affected person. This notification will be provided for informational purposes only. The Team(s)/Referee will be made aware of the positive test result and the last day the affected person was at a SSC event (i.e., game or practice).

Step 3: If a positive case of COVID-19 is reported to SSC, the COVID-19 SSC Officer will notify the Massachusetts Youth Soccer COVID-19 Safety Officer, Tamie Endow, using the Massachusetts Youth Soccer online COVID-19 Exposure Reporting Form.

Return to Play:

Positive Test Result

- **If a SSC Player, Coach, or Referee tests positive for COVID-19, they shall isolate as directed by the BOH. A Player/Coach/Referee may return to play when cleared by the school, BOH, and/or per CDC guidelines.**

Close Contact

- **If a SSC Player, Coach, or Referee is identified by the BOH or school as a "close contact" from an activity separate from SSC events (i.e., game or practice), they shall follow the quarantine process as directed by the BOH or the school nurse. They may not return to practice or games until the date that the BOH or school advises for return to activities.**
- As noted in the Step 2 of the Reporting section above, SSC will send an informational email to the impacted team if a Player, Coach or Referee has tested positive. However, per BOH, there is no further contact tracing

required for outdoor activities, and Team Players/Coach/Referee may continue to attend SSC events unless they personally have been identified by the BOH or school as a “close contact” due to activities outside of a SSC event.

Game Play for Non-quarantined Players

- If a Town team cannot play due to COVID-related low attendance, Town Coaches shall notify their Commissioner and the opposing Coach and can work to scrimmage with the available players at the scheduled game time.
- If a Travel team cannot play due to COVID-related low attendance, the Travel Coach shall notify the Middlesex Youth Soccer League Age Director and opposing Coach to discuss if the match can be rescheduled through the Middlesex Youth Soccer League rescheduling procedures. Note: Travel Games and COVID-19 policies (such as mask wear and spectator rules) will be under the direction of the Home Team’s town/city policies. Please check with the Opposing Coach before each game and notify your team of procedures, as needed.

III. Notes

If you have any questions, please email **Stoneham Soccer Club** StonehamSoccer@gmail.com and our COVID Officer will contact you.