



*Dear Parents,*

First and foremost, we hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy. We have received questions from the community about if and how COVID-19 will change this Summer's athletic season. We know this outbreak has been stressful to many and recognize that exercising and participating in activities like sports can be a healthy way to cope with stress and connect with our community. After careful thought and planning, we are excited to let you know that we plan to resume our Summer session on July 2, 2020, while following CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health requirements and considerations to protect players, families, and our community.

The health and safety of our players, staff, and volunteers remain our highest priority. Below, you will find a summary of actions we are taking to help ensure we are lowering COVID-19 risk as much as possible while also allowing our athletes to play. We are:

- Intensifying cleaning and disinfection on our fields by cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces on the field, cleaning and disinfecting shared objects and equipment between use, and ensuring safe and correct use and storage of disinfectants.
- Reducing physical closeness or contact between players as much as possible by allowing players to focus on building individual skills, emphasizing drills and/or game play that encourages social-distancing and spacing, and discouraging unnecessary physical contact, such as high-five, handshakes, fist bumps, and hugs.
- Screening and monitoring all players for symptoms prior to and during practices and games, including, but not limited to, taking each player's temperature with a no-touch thermometer before each practice.
- Promoting healthy hygiene practices, such as providing hand sanitizer before and after practices, encouraging players to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or to use the inside of their elbow, and reminding them not to spit.
- Requesting that coaches, youth sports staff, officials, parents, and spectators wear a cloth face covering during practices and games. Players are asked to wear a mask during the temperature screening process. They may opt to wear a cloth face covering on the sidelines and during play if feasible. Face coverings are not intended to protect the wearer, but rather to reduce the risk of spread from the person wearing the mask (who may not have any symptoms of disease). As a reminder, cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children younger than 2 years of age, anyone who has trouble

breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance.

- Limiting the sharing of equipment by providing all equipment necessary for practice. Players should not bring their soccer balls or other equipment to practice.

Anyone who is sick or has been in contact with someone who has COVID-19—including players, family members, coaches, staff, and spectators—should not attend practices or games. Be on the lookout for symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough, or shortness of breath. Call your doctor if you think you or a family member is sick.

If someone does get sick during practice or at a game, we have a plan in place to isolate and transport that person to their home or healthcare facility.

We are sending the **Celtic COVID-19 Guidelines, Celtic Plan of Action if a Club Member Gets Sick, and Practice Protocol Map** that the Board has approved with this letter. Please review this information and if you have a specific question about this plan or COVID-19, please contact Tom Wilson ([coach.tom@celticssc.com](mailto:coach.tom@celticssc.com)) for more information. You can also find these documents on our website at

A link to register for this season for all players is at the bottom of this email. **You must electronically agree to the release and waiver on TeamSnap before your child(ren) may participate in any Celtic team activities.**

<https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/234259/>

We can't wait to get started again!

Thank you and stay healthy,

*The Celtic Board*