



Return to Play Safety Plan

This Return to Play Safety Plan has been created to affirm South Buffalo Soccer Club (SBSC) intends to meet and or exceed the New York State Interim Guidance for Sports and Recreation during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency as of March 25th, 2021 and any subsequent updates and additions to the guidance as published by the State at a future date.

This Safety Plan provides SBSC Staff, Players, and Spectators with precautions to help protect against the spread of COVID-19. This plan in no way guarantees the safety of any individual attending a SBSC Event. It is recommended that all persons associated with SBSC become familiar with this plan prior to attending any SBSC Events. SBSC will follow and enforce the guidelines of this plan judiciously and without bias.

Background

Current New York State Standards require no sports and recreational activities can occur without meeting the minimum standards defined by the New York State Interim Guidance for Sports and Recreation during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency as of March 25th 2021, as well as applicable federal requirements, including SBSC not limited to such minimum standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and United States Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The State Standards contained within the NYS guidance apply to all sports and recreation activities in operation during the COVID-19 public health emergency until rescinded or amended by the State.

Definitions

SBSC Event – Any gathering of SBSC Administrators, Coaches, and/or Players scheduled in advance by SBSC.

SBSC Staff – For the purposes of this document; any SBSC Employee, Volunteer, Board Member, or Independent Contractor and its Employees, Volunteers, and Sub-Contractors directly involved in the activities at a SBSC Event.

Facility – Any SBSC building, or enclosed space including all ingress and egress areas inside and outside the structure. Any outdoor playing field or group of fields within the same greenspace under the control of SBSC, plus all designated ingress and egress, staging, and spectator areas for the fields defined as the facility.

Player – Any Child registered and scheduled to be in attendance at a SBSC Event. A Child shall be considered a Player for the time period immediately before, during and after the SBSC Event they are schedule to attend.

Spectator – Any person of any age, in attendance for a SBSC event within the physical limits of the Facility who is not a Player or SBSC Staff.

Acceptable Face Coverings - include, SBSC are not limited to, cloth-based face coverings and disposable masks that are reasonably solid, and cover both the mouth and nose at the same time. Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's "Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)" website for information on cloth face covers and other types of personal protective equipment (PPE), as well as instructions on use and cleaning.

Physical Distancing – a minimum of six (6) feet between individuals.

Guidelines for Players Attending a SBSC Event

The following guidelines are mandatory for all Players at all SBSC Events;

- All Players shall properly wear an Approved Face Covering at all times. Players may lower their Approved Face Covering during; physical activity directed by SBSC Staff, to drink water, or if medically necessary.
- All Players shall adhere to Physical Distancing Instructions from SBSC Staff.
- All Players shall refrain from sharing any water, food, clothing, towels or protective equipment.
- All Players should refrain from high-fives, fist SBSCmps, hugs, or any other physical contact not necessary to participate in an activity directed by SBSC Staff.
- It is recommended that all Players complete the Health Self-Assessment below prior to attending a SBSC Event. If a Player answers yes to any of the questions on the Assessment they should not attend any SBSC event until they can answer No to all the questions.
- All Players are to contact the SBSC Health and Safety Coordinator if they develop any COVID-19 symptoms within 48 hours after attending a SBSC Event.

Guidelines for Spectators Attending a SBSC Event

The following guidelines are mandatory for all Spectators at all SBSC Events;

- No Spectators are allowed to enter an indoor Facility.
- One Spectator per Player may enter an outdoor Facility, so long as 50% of the maximum capacity of the Facility is not exceeded.
- All Spectators shall properly wear an Approved Face Covering at all times.
- All Spectators, at all times, shall remain Physically Distanced from all other Spectators, Players, and SBSC Staff.
- At no time shall Physical Distancing be substituted for an Acceptable Face Covering, or an Acceptable Face Covering be a substitute for Physical Distancing.
- All Spectators shall adhere to any additional safety instructions from SBSC Staff.
- It is recommended that all Spectators complete the Health Self-Assessment below prior to attending a SBSC Event. If a Spectator answers yes to any of the questions on the Assessment they should not attend any SBSC event until they can answer No to all the questions.
- All Spectators are to contact the SBSC Health and Safety Coordinator if they develop any COVID-19 symptoms within 48 hours after attending a SBSC Event.

Guidelines for Staff Attending a SBSC Event

The following guidelines are mandatory for all Staff at all SBSC Events;

- All Staff members shall complete and record the result of the Health Self-Assessment prior to arriving at a SBSC Event.
- All Staff are required to immediately contact the SBSC Health and Safety Coordinator if they answer Yes to any of the Health Self-Assessment questions and/or develop any COVID-19 symptoms within 48 hours after attending a SBSC Event, and are restricted from attending any future SBSC event until such time as they are cleared to return by the SBSC Health and Safety Coordinator.
- Staff shall at all times properly wear an Acceptable Face Covering while within the limits of a Facility.
- Staff shall refrain from all physical contact with Players and Spectators.
- Staff shall attempt at all times to remain physically distanced from Players, Spectators, and other Staff.

Health Self-Assessment

Temperature

Is your temperature greater than or equal to 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit?

- Yes
 No

Contacts

Have you had any known close contact with a person confirmed (by diagnostic test) or suspected (based on symptoms) to have COVID-19 in the past 10 days?

- Yes
 No

Yes, SBSCt I am fully vaccinated or have recovered from COVID-19 within the past 3 months and have not developed any symptoms following the close contact.

Note: Close contact is defined by DOH as being within 6 feet of an individual for 10 minutes or more within a 24-hour period, starting from 2 days before symptom onset or, if asymptomatic, 2 days before the date the positive sample was collected.

Fully vaccinated is defined as being 2 weeks or more after either receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose vaccine series, or 2 weeks or more after receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine.

Symptoms

Are you currently experiencing, or have you recently (within the past 48 hours) experienced ANY of the following symptoms of COVID-19?

- Cough (new or worsening)
- Shortness of Breath (new or worsening)
- Troubled Breathing (new or worsening)
- Fever (above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit)
- Chills
- Muscle Pain or Body Aches (new or worsening)
- Headache (new or worsening)
- Sore Throat (new or worsening)
- New Loss of Taste or Smell
- Fatigue
- Congestion or Runny Nose
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Diarrhea

- Yes
 No

Positive Test Results

Have you tested positive for COVID-19 through a diagnostic test within the past 10 days?

- Yes
 No

Travel

Have you traveled internationally, or within a U.S. state or territory that does not border New York, for longer than 24 hours within the past 10 days and failed to follow the State's [travel advisory](#)?

- Yes
 No

Guidelines for Return to Attendance

New York State Guidance for return to attendance after showing symptoms, being in close contact, or testing positive for COVID-19 are continuously evolving. SBSC Staff, Players, and Spectators will be required to adhere to the latest guidance from the State of New York at the time when they are ready to return. Current guidance can be referenced at the: [NYS Novel Coronavirus Website](#)