



COVID-19
SAFETY PROTOCOLS

TYFA COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

As the State of Texas begins to start youth sports activities again, TYFA offers the following requirements and recommendations for ways in which our organizations can protect players, families, and communities and slow the spread of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) for the upcoming season.

TYFA organizations may adopt additional protocols consistent with their specific needs and circumstances to help protect the health and safety of all employees, contractors, volunteers and participants, but they cannot lessen the TYFA protocols.

COVID-19 has affected not only our daily lives but has for the foreseeable future changed the way we will conduct youth athletics. Our season will be played under safety measures that will help lessen the spread of the Coronavirus and mitigate exposure. We understand that this is a fundamental change, but we will have to conform to proceed.

Change is always difficult and conformity from your volunteers and parents will require some understanding and patience.

Protocols for Volunteers

Requirements	Recommendations
Face coverings/masks (over nose and mouth) are to be worn by Volunteers at practice and games	Sanitize sports equipment before and after use
Must undergo daily temperature checks to ensure they are not running a fever.	Volunteers should not drink from athlete or team coolers or squirt bottles
Must wash or disinfect hands before practice and anytime they leave the practice area	
Limit contact with parents at practice and practice social distancing if interacting with parents (6 feet)	

Must complete a COVID-19 health Questionnaire before beginning any workouts, practices, etc..	
If you are sick, stay home	

Protocols for Organizations

Requirements	Recommendations
Designate an individual as the TYFA Safety Officer (TSO) who is wholly or partially dedicated to ensuring the organization is following the health protocols adopted by the league are being successfully implemented.	
Ensure that at each practice there is some type of handwashing or sanitizing station	

Protocols for Athletes

Requirements	Recommendations
Athletes must have personal coolers and organizations should not use communal drinking coolers etc..	Parents should screen their athletes before and after practice
If players are ill, keep them home	
Sanitize hands	

Protocols for Parents

Requirements	Recommendations
All will be required to wear a cloth face covering (over the nose and mouth) at practices and TYFA Games.	Individuals should avoid being in a group larger than 10 individuals. Within these groups, individuals should, to the extent possible, minimize in-person contact with others not in the individual’s household.
Parents will be prohibited from attending practice. They may drop off their athletes and wait in their car or leave.	Individuals that fall in the “at risk” category should be encouraged not to attend practices, games or events.

If you are sick, stay home	
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Protocols for Facilities

Requirements	Recommendations
Ensure fans and spectators are wearing face coverings (nose and mouth) before entering game fields	
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Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available throughout the facility.	
Clean sideline benches before and after game days as well as between games	
Develop, train, and implement increased daily sanitization protocols for common surfaces, restrooms, recreational equipment, and facilities	
Concession stand personnel must be gloved and masked.	

*These recommendations and requirements may be changed as State and federal policies around COVID-19 continue to change