



## Empire United Revised Indoor Facility Protocols

The following **Revised Indoor Facility Protocols** are being published to support the continued operation of the Empire United Soccer Academy Indoor Facility at 1520 John Street and relate directly to Covid 19. They have been developed using information from the CDC, NYS and Monroe County Health Department

- To date we have been using the indoor facility lightly. As we approach November more of our operations will be moving indoors. Considering that, we have revised our initial guidelines and are publishing these to be used until further notice. In the short term we request your patience and cooperation as we adapt to the new norm.
- Indoor facilities will be utilized as necessary so long as the governmental authorities allow their use.
- We have kept in mind the simple concepts of Duration and Density, the two critical elements that contribute to Covid 19 transmission. Our goal is to protect our players, their families and our staff.
- Masks are now required to be worn by everyone (Coach, Player, parent, staff) when on the property or in the facility. **Change: Effective November 1st, Mask usage within the facility for everyone is MANDATORY, NOT OPTIONAL, NOT DISCRETIONARY. This now includes Players on the field participating in training events.** Masks are available in the office if a player forgets theirs. Players will not be allowed to practice indoors without a mask. Anyone not wearing a proper face covering will be asked to leave.
- The building is being cleaned and sanitized on a regular basis.
- Please continue to perform self-screening. We have now implemented through Team Snap the self-screening feature for your player, but If you or any member of your family is exhibiting any signs of illness, please do not allow your child to participate in practice or be in the building. Ensure your coaching staff is aware of your situation so that he/she can monitor and inform Empire Staff and the rest of the team and their families.
- Entrance into the building is limited to the West side double doors marked **ENTER, labeled 1 and 2.**
- Utilize the Hand Sanitizer pump in the Lobby area before entering the facility.
- Players should not enter the building until 10 minutes before their designated start time. There will be designated areas for players to gather at the edge of each field 1 thru 3. Additionally, we have painted on the field designated spots for all players to place their gear once on the field. Coaches will provide more specific instructions.
- Teams on the field will be ending their training sessions 5 minutes before the designated ending time.
- Spectators are not allowed in the facility during a practice. **The coaching staff will inform you if spectators are allowed. If they are, it will be limited to 1 spectator per player.**
- When in the building, be mindful of the density in the building. The capacity of our facility is 258 people. Health Department guidelines restrict total occupancy to 50% of the Total allowed or 129 people. We will very quickly approach that level when the facility is in use (using all 3 fields) between coaches, players, staff, and HD performance training. We need to maintain strict social distancing (minimum of 6 feet apart for all non-players in the building). There are clear markings on the floor designating a 6-foot distance. Spectators are not allowed in the building even if all 3 fields are not in use.
- Player distancing protocols will be managed by the coaching staff consistent with our Return To Play Phases
- Our coaching staff will inform you and your player which field they will be practicing on so you know which door they will be exiting.





- To minimize density in the lobby area, exiting the building will be managed as follows.
  - Teams practicing on Field 1 (see graphic below), will **EXIT** through the West side Exit Door to the right of the large garage door, labeled **A**. Coaches will escort the team out of the facility.
  - Teams practicing on Field 2 (see graphic below), will **EXIT** through the West side Exit Door to the right of the large garage door, labeled **A**. Coaches will escort the team out of the facility.
  - Teams practicing on Field 3 (see graphic below), will leave through the East Side Exit door at the North East side of the back of the facility labeled **B** and walk around to the front for pick up. Coaches will escort the team out of the facility.
  - The Main Lobby Doors should not be utilized for Exiting the building.
- We recognize that this will be a change, but we believe it is necessary, at least in the short run, to ensure limited density.
- For Players utilizing the Outdoor field, we will now be allowing parking at that lot for those players and families only.
- Parking in the parking lot will be challenging. We ask that you consider going off-site while your child is training to minimize congestion in the parking lot. If you do have to stay, please utilize the West side lot.
- Please keep in mind we all need to cooperate to manage congestion in the parking areas, particularly once the snow hits the ground.
- We have made arrangements with Lovin Cup, a local restaurant on the corner of Jefferson and John Street, if you would like to use their parking lot to park or if you would like to go in and grab a cup of coffee or bite to eat. Their flyer is attached.





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## Indoor Drop Off & Pick Up

