



2020 RP&R YOUTH SPORTS COVID-19 RETURN TO PLAY POLICY

Due to COVID-19, the following protocols have been put into place concerning exposures and positive cases for players, coaches, and employees in our 2020 Youth Athletic Leagues.

HEALTH SCREENING

- Players, coaches, spectators, and employees are asked to complete a health self-assessment before attending any practices or games. Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, chills, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea should stay home and NOT participate.

EXPOSURES

- If a player, coach, spectator, or employee has been in close contact with a positive COVID-19 case, they will not be able to attend games or practices for 14 days. The Springfield Greene-County Health Department defines a close contact as someone who comes within six (6) feet of a known positive individual for at least 15 cumulative minutes. Close contact could be family members, friends, and coworkers you interact with throughout the day. A close contact also includes someone who has physically come into contact with a positive case, regardless of the amount of time.
- In the event an individual player from a team has been exposed to a positive case, games will not be rescheduled. The remaining players who did not experience an exposure will be able to play as scheduled.
- In the event multiple players within the same team have been exposed to a positive case, and the team can no longer field the minimum number of players required to play, the coach should contact the Republic Parks & Recreation Athletics Administrative Staff immediately to request the game be rescheduled.
- In the event a coach has been exposed to a positive case, an assistant coach or parent should fill in at practices and/or games.

POSITIVE CASES

- In the event a player, coach, spectator, or employee has tested positive for COVID-19, they will not be able to attend games or practices for 10 days from the test date or the onset of symptoms.
- In the event a player or coach tests positive for COVID-19, any games within 14 days from the date of positive test will be rescheduled.

NOTIFICATIONS

- Notification of a possible exposure to a positive case while participating in league play will be provided to coaches by phone call. Coaches are asked to communicate the notice with their team.

DEADLINE TO RESCHEDULE

- Each sport will have a deadline to reschedule games. No games will be made up after this date.
 - Flag Football: Monday, November 2
 - Soccer: Saturday, November 7
 - Volleyball: Thursday, December 17
 - Futsal: Thursday, December 17
 - Fall Basketball: Saturday, December 19

Questions or concerns? Please contact Republic Parks and Recreation Athletics Administrative Staff at (417) 732-3500.