

Hello-

Please do something if you care, lift some of these nonsense restrictions?
incredible!! why is MOCO is an escape goat, other states are playing outdoor sports and allow spectators fine, but MOCO specifically is so political?

Let people have a choice, there are people who want to watch their children play? Also players do come close with each other to wear masks when playing... no touching but playing in masks is dumb! Please show you care. Review stats of other states see that "outdoor sports" have no case transmission... let OUTDOORS be a healthy return to normal?

I am VERY disgusted to live in MOCO, because there are no advocates for our kids!

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From: msi@msisoccer.org (Montgomery Soccer Inc.) <clubnews@bluesombrero.com>

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Subject: Updates to Covid Protocol and Spectator Limits

Dear MSI Families

We are excited to kickoff the Spring 2021 MSI Recreational League season this weekend, and wanted to touch base with you regarding a number of important issues that are related to Covid-19 protocols and County Health Orders. First, we posted updates to the *MSI Return to Play* document, and it is posted on our website (www.msisoccer.org) under the "Covid-19 Resources" tab. The most recent version is dated April 6th. While I urge each of you to go to that document to read it in its entirety, I wanted to summarize a number of the "Highlights" that every parent and coach needs to be aware of, remembering that our restrictions related to mask-wearing and non-spectator allowances are mandated by Montgomery County Health Orders and have the force of law (in other words, they are not options or up for debate).

- Masks continue to be an absolute requirement for all players, coaches, referees, and spectators (in the VERY limited instances where spectators are allowed). This includes "during game play".
- **Spectators are NOT allowed at any MSI Activity**, other than the coaches and managers listed on the official team roster. Exceptions to this rule that exist now include:
 - For MSI games/practices at Einstein HS Stadium Field and Whitman HS Stadium Field, up to two spectators per player are allowed, with the mandate that they must remain in the Stadium Grandstands and wear masks at all times. Per Montgomery County Health Order, spectators are not allowed at any other location!

- An additional two parents "per team" may attend 1st Grade games at Hoover Middle School, in order to serve as Game Leaders for the small 4v4 games.
- Kindergartners may have one parent accompany them to check-in for their Saturday KG program, and must return to the parking lot, and then may return to the check-in area to pick up their child at the conclusion of their program. Again, Montgomery County Health Orders do not allow spectators to remain by or around the field areas.
- Several Game Rules have been modified, in some cases removing restrictions that previously had been in place (for example, heading is not allowed for Recreational Grades 6-12 and Classic Age Groups U12-U19). For details, see *Section 7.0, Game Rules Modifications* in the MSI Return to Play document referenced above.
- Individuals who travel to States that do not border Maryland must comply with Montgomery County Health Department requirements for either obtaining a negative Covid-19 test result or quarantining for 10 days upon return while remaining asymptomatic. See *Section 8.7, Travel-Related Requirements/Restrictions* for details.

The notes above are highlighted to answer some of the most-asked questions, but there is much more information in the *MSI Return to Play* document. Please familiarize yourself with all of this important information. We appreciate your amazing contributions to BOTH helping to keep kids safe AND helping to keep kids happy and mentally fit through their participation with their team in the game we all love. Thank you, ALL!

Best Regards,

Doug Schuessler

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