

POLICY 5.3 – COVID-19

It is the policy of Annapolis Soccer Club (“ASC”) to comply with directives set forth by the State of Maryland and Anne Arundel County, Maryland and to follow suggested guidance from State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) and/or Anne Arundel Youth Soccer Association (AAYSA) regarding the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and to implement protocols that allow for ASC programs, events, and activities to occur while being compliant with state and local directives.

Background

On February 11, 2020 the World Health Organization officially named the disease that caused the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak, first identified in Wuhan China, as coronavirus disease 2019, or more commonly known as COVID-19. COVID-19 is caused by a coronavirus called SARS-CoV-2 and can spread from person to person, mainly through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes.¹

Just like with other viruses, individuals who are infected may not exhibit symptoms and may infect others without knowledge. Symptoms may appear two to 14 days after exposure and include: fever/chills, cough, sore throat shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, loss of taste or smell, congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea.²

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the State of Maryland and Anne Arundel County issued various directives and implemented requirements, all of which are gradually eased as the instances of COVID-19 diminish, for individuals to follow in public areas to reduce the risk of exposure.

Scope

This policy covers ASC’s response to and operations in the COVID-19 environment. This policy only applies when the state and/or county has implemented restrictions directly related to COVID-19. This policy does not cover other communicable diseases or other instances that force ASC into limited operations.

Levels of ASC Operation

The following levels of operation indicate the condition in which ASC is at any given time when COVID-19 restrictions are in place within the state and/or county. The President, or designee, is responsible for implementing a level of ASC operation based on the COVID-19 restrictions at the time.

Level 4: ASC provides full programming including a regularly-scheduled season, other training opportunities, and community events. Participants must abide by social distancing guidelines except for those players actively engaged in a training session, practice, scrimmage, or game. Administrative operations are conducted in-person, following social distancing guidelines. Field operations does not require approval from the President, or designee.

Level 3: ASC provides modified programming that allows for small-group training sessions, practices, and scrimmages, all of which abide by social distancing guidelines. ASC participates in or hosts community

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#Coronavirus-Disease-2019-Basics>

² <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

events that allow no more than the maximum allowable number of participants required by state/county directives. Administrative operations are conducted in-person, following social distancing guidelines. Field operations does not require approval from the President, or designee.

Level 2: ASC provides modified programming that allows for small-group training sessions only, following social distancing guidelines. Other events and activities are suspended until further notice. Administrative operations are conducted in-person or remotely. The President, or designee, must approve the participation of interns and volunteers in field operations.

Level 1: ASC does not provide any programming. Administrative operations are conducted remotely only. Field operations are conducted by the General Manager only and, if support is needed, the President must first approve individuals supporting field operations.

ASC Operations

Both administrative and field operations will continue, to the extent possible and as the situation dictates, regardless of the level of operation in which ASC is. The President will continually monitor state, county, MSYSA, and AAYSA channels to determine in which level ASC should be operating. During all levels of ASC operation, social distancing guidelines should be followed by all participants, except for players in Level 4 operation.

Social Distancing Guidelines: ASC requires all participants to follow the actions below to be able to participate in programs, events, and activities:

- Individuals who are or might be infected, including those who exhibit one or more of the symptoms of COVID-19, must not participate in any ASC event until seven (7) days have passed since the last day of exhibiting a symptom.
- Individuals must wear a cloth covering over face and nose.
- Individuals must stand/sit at least six (6) feet apart from other individuals who are not part of their household.
- Personal items (e.g., water bottles, phones, bags, soccer balls) are not to be shared between individuals who are not from the same household.
- Individuals actively participating in a training session, practice, scrimmage, or game must minimize his/her contact with other individuals doing the same, to the extent that the situation allows.

Any staff member, coach, or volunteer has the authority to request that an individual (or family) leave the training session/practice/game, event, or activity if s/he is not following the social distancing guidelines. At any time, ASC can implement additional social distancing guidelines, to further promote the safety of participants. If the State of Maryland or Anne Arundel County sets forth its own social distancing requirements, the preceding guidelines are superseded by such state or local directives.

Player Screening: ASC requires all players to be screened before each on-field session. Information on player screening can be found in the protocols for county and clinic coaches.

Detailed information on how ASC will operate in each of the four levels of ASC operation can be found in the related SOPs and Protocols listed below.

Related SOPs, Protocols, and Other Documents

- Board of Directors Limited Operations SOP
- Employee, Intern, Volunteer Limited Operations SOP
- Release of Liability for Communicable Disease
- Exposure Communication and Control Protocol
- Policy