

West Deptford Soccer Club

Return to Play Guidelines

Dates: September 27, 2021 Fall 2021 Season

This is an update to our Return to Play Guidelines dated 8/27/2020. These Guidelines address specifically Return to Play for the Fall 2021 season. Since our initial Guidelines, the CDC, Department of Health and local governing bodies have implemented and updated the applicable guidelines for competition.

Again, it is important to note that these Guidelines are not to be construed as any type of medical advice, diagnosis, treatment, or recommendations. Any questions or concerns related to a diagnosis of Covid-19 or treatment of same should be addressed to an individual's medical professional. Please note these guidelines are subject to change as new information is released by governing agencies.

It is also important to note that return to play at this time, or at any time, is completely voluntary. If a parent is not comfortable with their child returning to play at this time, there will be no penalty for any missed practice or games. Such decisions are to be communicated privately to the coach of the team and the coach is to keep the information noted and confidential.

As always, if anyone has any questions please reach out to us!

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ENTERING THE PARK:

In accordance with the current CDC guidelines, please do not come to the park if you, or a member of your immediate household, has had any signs or symptoms of Covid-19 or exposure to someone who has had Covid-19 in the past 14 days.

PLAYER GUIDELINES:

Currently the West Deptford School District must abide by the New Jersey Department of Health Covid-19 Activity Level Index (CALI) Report to determine the level of Covid-19 activity. All parents should have received an email regarding this last Friday from the Superintendent. That email sets forth the quarantine requirements for all students.

As a West Deptford Recreation group, West Deptford Soccer Club is following the same guidelines that are in place in the school district. Parents are to advise the Coach regarding any Covid-19 test, close contact or quarantine that is required of their child for school so that the Club can be consistent in those protocols.

If any player is currently being tested for Covid-19 and the results are pending, that player is not permitted to attend practice or games.

If a parent or other household family member is currently being tested for Covid-19 and the results are pending, that player is not permitted to attend practice or games.

Prior to returning to the team, please contact the coach to confirm the proper procedure. The coach will contact the Board and we will confirm the process to be followed.

If, upon reaching the fields for practice or games, or at any time during a game, a player feels ill, they are to advise the coach immediately. The player will be sent to their parent or guardian if they are at the field still, or will be sent to a separate location to await their parent's arrival to take them home.

PARENT GUIDELINES:

Prior to the start of any return to play, please make sure your child's coach has your up-to-date contact information in the event an emergency arises. If you will not be available while your child is at a practice or game, please provide the appropriate contact information to the coach prior to arriving at or sending your child to

the game via email, text, or the coach's preferred method of communication. Please do not walk up to the coach at the field to provide this information.

Please review the player guidelines which set out the protocols for Covid-19 testing, close contacts, and quarantine protocols. Please respect that we are bound, as a recreational activity within West Deptford Township, to abide by the school requirements and guidelines in order to provide consistency with all participants.

Please be mindful that these guidelines are changing based on the current trends. We realize some of these guidelines are new and all of these guidelines may be new for new players to the club. We recognize some of these may seem unnecessary but we ask that you abide by them in order to allow our Club to continue to have soccer this Fall. Please do not argue with a coach if you disagree with a policy or protocol. Our coaches are volunteers!

COACH GUIDELINES:

If a player advises during a practice or game they are not feeling well, please have them remove their personal belongings from the team area and take them to their parent/guardian. If their parent is not at the field, please have the player remove him or herself to a separate area from the field. Please contact their parent or emergency contact and have them come to the field immediately to take their child home.

Please remind players to use hand sanitizer whenever they come off the field, prior to drinking water during a break. While there are no limitations on end of game exchange of sportsmanship such as high fives, please remind players to use hand sanitizer when finished.

During the check in procedure, the coach will continue to hold all cards and show them to the official while calling each player to show their cleat and jersey number. Rosters will not be exchanged with the opposing team. Coaches will still pay the officials with cash unless the

official objects and requests Venmo or other electronic payment. If any coach does not utilize an electronic payment method please advise the board so we can address. Some officials may take a copy of the GDR or match card. Please be sure to have an extra copy if that is the case. Please remember to note the officials' names if they did not print on the GDR or match card.

If anyone has any questions, please reach out to Nancy Monte Carlo, President, WDSC at westdeptfordsc@gmail.com or nmc29@comcast.net. 856-207-4314.