

COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for Minnesota Senior Soccer League (MSSL)

The Minnesota Senior Soccer League (MSSL) is committed to providing a safe and healthy field of play experience during its league games. To ensure we have a safe and healthy field of play playing experience, MSSL has developed the following COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Team Managers, players and referees are all responsible for implementing this plan. Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 while playing soccer, and that requires full cooperation among our team managers, players, and referees. Only through this cooperative effort can we establish and maintain the safety and health of all persons during our league games.

The COVID-19 Preparedness Plan is administered by the Commissioner of the league (currently Carlos Cuellar), who maintains the overall authority and responsibility for the plan. However, team managers, players, and referees are equally responsible for supporting, implementing, complying with, and providing recommendations to further improve all aspects of this COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. The Minnesota Senior Soccer League's team managers have our full support in enforcing the provisions of this plan.

Our teams, the individual players and referees are most important. The MSSL is serious about safety and health and protecting our Team Managers, players, and referees.

The Minnesota Senior Soccer League's COVID-19 Preparedness Plan is based upon Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines for COVID-19 and Minnesota's relevant and current executive orders as they apply to our field of play experience. It addresses:

- ensuring sick player will stay home
- recommendation to social distancing – players off the field of play must be at least six-feet apart

Ensure sick players stay home and prompt identification and isolation of sick persons

Players were informed of and encouraged to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 per CDC and MDH guidelines before league start. Team Managers must report to the Commissioner any players who experience any Covid-19 symptoms while on or off the field of play during any of the MSSL games. Referees must report to the Commissioner if they experience any Covid-19 symptoms while on or off the field of play during any of the MSSL games.

Social distancing – Recommendation that players should be at least six-feet apart when not on the field of play

Social distancing of at least six feet is recommended between players while off the field of play in the technical area during any MSSL games. All players were informed before league start.

Communications and training practices and protocol

This COVID-19 Preparedness Plan was communicated via email to all Team Managers, players, and the referee assignor for informing all referees that participate in any MSSL games before league start. Additional communication will be ongoing via email. This Covid-19 preparedness plan is also posted on our website.