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Dear Madison 56ers players, parents and guardians,

Excitement is building for the kick-off to the 2020-2021 season! Here at the club, we've all been missing our regular pre-season routines. As we approach the official launch of the fall season, we want to share important information with you so everyone knows what to expect as we prepare to take the field.

Returning to play in a responsible and sustainable way requires that everyone commit to staying informed about new protocols. Please take some time to become familiar with the new "Return to Play" (RTP) practice expectations outlined below. These can also be found on the Madison 56ers website at <https://madison56ers.org/RTP>.

For those who participated in the club's summer practices or camps, much of this information will already be familiar. Regardless, in light of the fluidity of the situation, we ask that everyone read this email carefully as it contains important details and some critical updates.

BEFORE PRACTICES RESUME:

As a result of new training guidelines published by US Soccer, the practice experience will be considerably different from what we remember of last season. To become acquainted with the latest developments before coming to the field:

- Players, with the help of their parents/guardians, must read and follow the "US Soccer Play On" Players' Checklist to prepare for practice.
- Parents are also requested to review and follow the guidance in the "US Soccer Play On" Parents' Checklist before, during, and after each practice. Most importantly, it is imperative that you perform a player health check before each game and practice! Any player who is feeling under the weather should remain at home.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP:

- Each individual field at Reddan Soccer Park and the West Towne practice location has a designated player drop-off and pick-up zone. Before your next game or practice, review the field layout maps found on the Madison 56ers RTP webpage to identify the drop-off and pick-up locations corresponding to your player's field assignment.
- Traffic cones will direct you into and out of the lot. To maintain the flow of vehicles, please follow the signage and the instructions of on-site 56ers staff members.
- No parking is available in the lots during practice; parents are requested to remain in their vehicles during drop-off and pick-up and leave the park once players have safely exited/entered.



- Players who drive themselves to and from the fields can park their vehicles in a designated area of each lot. 56ers staff will give the players the necessary instructions once they arrive on site.
- Please drop off your player no earlier than 10 minutes before the start of practice.
- Your team's coach will meet each player at the drop-off location, direct them to a personal staging location, mark their attendance for tracking purposes, and provide further instructions.
- During the early weeks of our return to play, additional Madison 56ers staff will be on site to support the coaches and help with the transition. Please watch for these team members and follow their lead.
- The coaches and staff will be wearing masks during drop-off and pick-up; players must do so as well.
- At the conclusion of each practice, players will wait at their personal staging spot until they are picked up.

A short video with illustrations and more detailed information is available at <https://madison56ers.org/RTP>. Please watch the video with your player(s) before they attend their first Sixers event this coming week.

ON THE PITCH:

Under the current guidelines, practice remains socially distant and players are assigned to individual areas on the pitch. When these restrictions are relaxed and we move to the next phase of RTP activity, Madison 56ers will provide a timely update with new details.

TESTING POSITIVE for COVID-19:

If your player or anyone your player has been in contact with tests positive for COVID-19, you have an obligation to notify the club immediately by sending an email to our dedicated inbox: RTP@madison56ers.org. Access to this account is restricted to the Director of Coaching and the RTP Coordinator in order to safeguard the privacy and confidentiality of any health information you share with the club.

Such a notification sets in motion contingency plans designed to help safeguard the health and well-being of all members of the 56ers community.

Our contingency plans cover six broad scenarios. The following matrix contains the key outcomes of each scenario:



	Player tests positive	Player was in contact with someone who tested positive	Coach tests positive or was in contact with someone who tests positive
Attended 56er event during incubation period* or while symptomatic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-person team activities suspended for two weeks. Practice format switches to online delivery. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-person team activities suspended for remainder of the week. In-person activities resume the following week after review of the situation by the club's Director of Coaching and the Return-to-Play coordinator. Affected player can attend team events after negative test result and clearance by a medical professional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-person team activities suspended for two weeks. Practice format switches to online delivery. A substitute coach may be assigned to minimize the disruption. Affected coach can return after negative test result (cases of 3rd party exposure) or clearance by a medical professional (when a coach tests positive).
Did not attend 56er event during incubation period* or while symptomatic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team activities continue. Player can return after clearance by a medical professional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team activities continue. Affected player can attend team events after negative test result and clearance by a medical professional. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-person team activities suspended for remainder of the week. In-person activities resume the following week after review of the situation by the club's Director of Coaching and the Return-to-Play Coordinator. A substitute coach may be assigned to minimize the disruption.

Clearly these are unusual times. We are counting on your support and collaboration to safely and successfully resume our club soccer activities. Thank you in advance for your patience and willingness to adapt to this exceptionally fluid situation. By staying flexible, aware and informed, our club families become our most reliable and effective allies in our Return to Play activities. Together we can stay Sixers Strong!

Best Regards,

Tony Wright, Director of Coaching

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