

Emergency Order #16 issued by Public Health Madison & Dane County will expire on June 2, 2021. All Madison 56ers S.C. events scheduled for June 2 or later will be governed by the following guidelines. They will remain in effect for the remainder of the 2020-21 season.

Training

Players and coaches are no longer required to wear a face mask during outdoor training sessions. Our coaches will continue to avoid training elements where players are in continuous close contact for extended periods of time as much as possible (such as extended team huddles). While we drop the face mask requirement, we want to emphasize that we fully respect the decision of families and players who prefer to wear a face covering.

When training takes place at an indoor facility (due to inclement weather, for instance), all players and coaches are required to wear face masks covering mouth and nose at all times.

Competition

Players are not required to wear a face mask when they are involved in active play on the soccer field unless local requirements mandate otherwise. Players are required to wear face masks on the sidelines when in close proximity to their teammates and/or coach. Coaches are required to wear a face mask on the sidelines unless they have been fully vaccinated. The coaches have agreed to and are expected to share their vaccination status with the players and their families in the interest of transparency.

Although the public health situation has been improving in recent weeks, we ask that you continue to monitor players carefully for symptoms consistent with COVID-19 ahead of games and practices. Please err on the side of caution when deciding if a player should participate.

Return-to-Play Protocols

The COVID-19 protocols that were adopted at the beginning of the spring season are not affected by this update of our guidelines. The matrix below summarizes the protocols for the four most common contact scenarios involving players and their corresponding return-to-play timelines.

	Player tests positive	Player was in contact with someone who tested positive
Attended 56er event during incubation period* or while symptomatic	In-person team activities suspended for two weeks.	In-person team activities continue unless the circumstances warrant a suspension (determined by RTP coordinator and coaching director). (a) Player is suspended for 10 days and can rejoin the team on day 11 after contact. (b) Alternatively, player is suspended pending submission of a negative COVID-

		19 test result administered on day 5 (or later) after contact. Player can rejoin the team on day 8 after contact.
Did not attend 56er event during incubation period* or while symptomatic	Team activities continue. Player is suspended for 10 days (counting from date of positive test). Prior to rejoining the team, player must be free of COVID-19 symptoms for 72 consecutive hours.	Team activities continue. (a) Player is suspended for 10 days. (b) Alternatively, player is suspended until they present a negative result of a COVID-19 test administered on day 5 (or later) after contact, but no earlier than day 8 after contact.

* **Incubation period** refers to the period between exposure to the virus and the onset of symptoms.

Please inform the club immediately if a player is classified as a close contact or tests positive for COVID-19 by sending an email to our dedicated inbox at rtp@madison56ers.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Simeon Alder, the club's Return-to-Play coordinator (rtp@madison56ers.org), or Tony Wright, the Director of Coaching (56ercoachingdirector@gmail.com).