**MISO COVID19 GUIDELINES**

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The following will be the guidelines required by the C&C of Honolulu and the Major Island Soccer Organization (MISO)

Please understand that we're navigating through unchartered territories. MISO is not forcing anyone to participate. Players, Coaches, Referees, Staff and Spectators will be participating on their own free will, risks and beliefs. But by doing so, everyone participating will need to follow the C&C mandates as well as the League's guidelines to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

* **No Social Gatherings:**  All participants are advised that they should not gather for any after-game snacks or pot-lucks. Everyone is to leave the fields immediately after their games are completed. No ceremonies or gatherings of any kind on or off the field will be permitted at this time in accordance to the CDC’s guidelines.
* **Post Games Talks:**  Coaches should refrain from performing post game talks, as that would be considered "post-game gatherings". Everyone should head home after their games. Such talks could be done via Zoom or other platforms
* **Face Masks:** Everyone must wear facemasks at all times, even while playing. Those not complying will be asked to leave the premises. This is NOT a MISO Rule, rather a requirement from the C&C. We recommend that players bring more than one mask, in the event that their mask gets wet from sweating, which could make breathing difficult.
* **Sanitation Products:** Teams are to provide sanitation products for their participants.
* **No Handshakes:**  All participants advised to minimize contacts – no handshakes before/after games; no high-fives; no fist bumps, etc.
* **Spectators:**  MISO will be implementing a NO SPECTATORS policy for the duration of the season or pandemic. Spectators then will only be allowed to watch the games from their cars. We expect Teams/Clubs to take responsibility for their fans during these crucial times.
* **Warm-ups & Set-up:** Teams will be asked to wait until the prior game is done to begin setting up and warming up. We understand that this will drastically reduce the warm-up times, but we ALL need to adapt to the current situations and abide by the new guidelines or we risk losing our privilege to play soccer.
* **Temperature Readings:**  Each Team or Club will be asked to provide a contact-less thermometer prior to each game and take their team's and staff temperatures while the referees are performing the check-in, so they can witness it being done.  According to the labels on the non-contact digital thermometers, temperatures of 100 or higher are considered to be fever. Anyone showing to have a fever should be checked again a couple of times to make sure the reading was correct. Anyone with a temperature will be required to leave the premises and go home. Referees' temperatures will be taken at the referee's tent prior to them going to the fields.
* No sharing of equipment or water.

**We want everyone to be able to participate in the games, as either a Player, Coach, Referee, Spectator, etc. But for this to happen, we need EVERYONE to follow and respect the above stated guidelines.**

**MISO COVID19 PROTOCOLS:** The following will be the protocols followed by MISO in the event of having a player with a fever or other symptoms.

* First and foremost, ANYONE feeling sick or experiencing any of the symptoms SHOULD STAY AT HOME and NOT PLACE EVERYONE ELSE AT RISK BY ATTENDING ANY GAMES.
* If a player or coach's temperature indicates that he/she has a fever, then they'll be required to leave the premises and hopefully go home or the doctor.
* The opposing team will be informed of the situation and the game will be cancelled. The League will then decide if the game will be rescheduled or just cancelled altogether, as we may not have the field or time-frame availability to reschedule.
* If the game ends up being canceled, for standing purposes, the game may get listed as a forfeit in favor of the opposing team (team without a fever)
* MISO is not looking at penalizing anyone for forfeiting a game due to any covid19 concerns. That has never been our intention. We're currently not fining any teams who forfeit a game because they don't have enough players to field a team at game time. We're offering the opportunity to play soccer for those willing, without making anyone feeling forced to play.
* We will also work on rescheduling any games that were canceled due to a reported case that required a team to be quarantined for 2 weeks. In the event that a game can’t be rescheduled, the League will issue a credit to the quarantined team.
* Teams must report to the League any cases of any Player, Coach, Referee or Spectator that may test positive. Upon receiving the notification, the League will then look into canceling the teams' next game for precaution purposes and may cancel future games as well if it's deemed necessary.
* The State of Hawaii Department of Health advises that they will do the contact tracing and will notify all the parties involved.

**CONTACT TRACING:** In the event that any Player, Coach or Referee who has participated in any recent games is found to be positive of Covid19, the League will contact all Teams, Coaches and Referees that were involved in the games that said person participated. The League will also contact the State of Hawaii Department of Health to inform them of the situation and provide them with all the contact tracing information as well

**ATHLETIC TRAINERS:**  Certified Athletic Trainers will be in attendance during all the scheduled weekends. When approaching the Trainers, please make sure that the players, coaches and/or parents are wearing a face mask, as we don't want to risk their health. Players that are picked up from the field during an injury would be the exemption, as they'll most likely not be wearing a mask during the game.

**COMMON AREAS:** Common areas such as the Referees and the Athletic Trainers areas shall be cleansed and disinfected throughout the day with germ killing products.