



# Lindenhurst Park District

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The Lindenhurst Park District Youth Soccer League is aware of and monitoring the developing public health issue of COVID-19 (or coronavirus). The health and safety of our community is an absolute priority.

As background, on July 29, 2020, Illinois Governor Pritzker issued new restrictions on youth and adult sports that went into place starting August 15, 2020. These restrictions include: park district sports, school-based sports (ISHA & IESA), travel clubs, private leagues and clubs, recreational leagues and centers. There are 3 levels that all sports fall into: low, medium and high risk, which is based on the amount of person-to-person contact that happens during each sport. Soccer falls under the Medium Risk category. Under the risk categories, there are levels in which sports can participate, the levels range from 1-4, with 1 being the most restrictive and 4 being the least restrictive. Soccer falls under Level 2 which allows inter-team scrimmages allowed with parental consent, no competitive play is allowed though.

Due to these restriction we have modified the Fall 2020 Soccer Season to fall within the Governor's guidelines, but still allow for as much of normal soccer play that we can with being safe. Players will be co-ed for all levels of the Soccer League, players will be placed on "teams" that will meet Saturday morning for both practice and a game between 9/12-10/24. Most levels in the League have only enough players for 2 teams so those players will be playing each other each week, but some levels will have 4 teams and will rotate the "teams" they play each week, but it will be the same team practices on the same field as your team that morning. Each week, each field will be considered a "Bubble Field" meaning all the players at the field that day will be playing each other only that day.

Please understand that if we see staff, patrons, or members of the public exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms as identified by the CDC and applicable public health agency guidance while on-site, we will be sending them home. The participant will be permitted to return to the program only once all symptoms have subsided and after an approved return-to-program note has been received by the district from your physician. We realize this may be an inconvenience; however, we are trying to proactively do our part to prevent community spread during this unprecedented situation. Further, to the extent you are in an agency program or using an agency facility, please immediately notify the Superintendent of Recreation and Risk Management if you:

- Have a suspected or diagnosed case of COVID-19.
- Have had close contact with an individual, including (but not limited to) a member of your household, who has a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19.
- Are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, which can include: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat and/or new loss of taste or smell, as well as gastrointestinal symptoms, such as nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea. (For a current list of symptoms, please visit the CDC's website on Symptoms of Coronavirus.)

Your health information (i.e., your name and details of your medical situation) will continue to be treated as confidential, as required by applicable laws, though your name may be provided to a local public health agency if requested to assist in contact tracing individuals with whom you may have had close contact for a prolonged period of time. However, we do want to provide timely notification (which will not use your name or personally identifying or confidential information) to potentially impacted individuals as necessary should they need to self-isolate, self-quarantine and/or self-monitor for symptoms, as recommended by the CDC or other applicable public health agencies.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and continued vigilance. Please contact Zac Reimer, Sports Program Manager, at [zreimer@lindenhurstparks.org](mailto:zreimer@lindenhurstparks.org) with any questions.