



To – All Coaches, Players, Referees, and Parents of Oahu League of Hawaii Youth Soccer.

From – Christopher Keem, CEO Oahu League

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RE: COVID-19 UPDATE

As you can imagine we have been receiving numerous calls, emails regarding the league and if there are any COVID-19 related precautions or cancellations. As the League of Choice for players here in Oahu, it is important that we attempt to ensure the safety of our stakeholders on a weekly basis. We are monitoring the latest information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO). We will provide updated information as it becomes available.

While this is a rapidly evolving situation, the Oahu League of Hawaii Youth Soccer is asking that we all follow some simple guidelines listed below promote the health of our soccer community:

- Ensure all players have their own water bottle at training and games. Do not share with anyone.
- There will be no pre/post-game hand shaking between Coaches, Players, Referees until further notice. Alternative signs of sportsmanship such as 'elbow bumps' or verbal communications are encouraged.
- The League will continue to put soap in the bathrooms in the Stadium and next to Field 11 (also hand sanitizer when available).
- Parents and other Spectators who are at risk (elderly, immunocompromised, etc.) are recommended to self-isolate themselves and not attend matches.
- Stakeholders (players, referees, coaches, parents, spectators) who are showing symptoms of illness are required to self-isolate themselves at home.
- When Travelling to sporting events (tournaments on other islands or mainland) we recommend that you check for up-to-date travel advisories from the CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

Please continue to remind your players to practice appropriate preventive measures, including staying home when sick, covering your mouth with your sleeve when coughing or sneezing, avoiding touching your face (particularly your eyes and mouth), and washing your hands with soap and water frequently for at least 20 seconds. We will continue to provide updates as necessary via email and on our website.

Please be sure to share this important message with your players, parents, referees, and coaches as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to ensure the health and well-being of our community.

Mahalo,

Chris

Links for more information:

WHO website: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/>

CDC Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Oahu League Website for League Updates: <https://oahuleague.com/>

US Youth Soccer Travel and Health Update <https://www.usyouthsoccer.org/usys-health-and-travel-update/>

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