



Empire United Facility Re-Opening Protocols/Guidelines

The following Protocols/Guidelines have been developed to support the re-opening of the Empire United Soccer Academy Facility at 1520 John Street and relate directly to Covid 19. They have been developed using information from the CDC, NYS and Monroe County Health Department

- In the short term we request your patience and cooperation as we adapt to the new norm.
- Indoor facilities may be utilized as necessary so long as the Phase 4 recommendations are implemented for use of indoor facilities.
- We have kept in mind 4 factors.
 - The first is protection for our players, their families and our staff. We need to be mindful of the density of people in the building. We need to maintain strict social distancing (minimum of 6 feet apart for all non-players in the building) and non-essential gathering inside the facility. Markings on the floor in the building and bleachers on the field all designate a 6-foot distance. We highly discourage parents from congregating at the field during practices.
 - Player distancing protocols will be managed by the coaching staff consistent with our Return To Play Phases
 - The second is changes to managing our interactions inside the facility, including requiring all staff and families to wear masks if in frequent close contact with others. **Mask usage within the facility for anyone not participating on the playing field is MANDATORY**, not optional. You will be asked to leave if you do not have a proper face covering.
 - The third is sanitation. We have implemented increased cleaning and sanitation standards.
 - The fourth factor requires self-screening. If you or any member of your family is exhibiting any signs of illness, please do not allow your child to participate in practice or be in the building. Ensure your coaching staff is aware of your situation so that he/she can monitor and inform Empire Staff and the rest of the team and their families.

Facility Reopening Guidelines

- We believe that we can manage to use our facility effectively by following these guidelines.

Cleaning:

- The building has had a thorough cleaning prior to re-opening by a new cleaning service and will be cleaned regularly.
- Hand Sanitizer is available upon entering and exiting the building. We ask that you use it upon entering and exiting the building.
- For the time being all tables, chairs and benches will be removed to minimize surface areas that could enable transmission.
- Door handles/push bars (entrance, egress, offices, conference rooms and bathrooms) will be cleaned hourly by on-site staff. Window glass will also be cleaned.

Movement within the building

- The front doors will be used for entering the building.
- The back-garage door at the rear corner of the building will be used to exit. Pick-up will be at the end of the parking lot at the back of the building. **We ask that you not use the current front doors for exit as we are trying to minimize any large groups of people in the lobby area. Car pickup on the north side of the building is our new protocol. Coaches will escort younger teams out across the back of the building to the pick-up area.**
- Rather than staying in the building during a training session we ask that you remain in your car or make alternative plans to fill your time. Please ensure the coaching staff has your up to date cell phone number.
- If you are in the building please observe and comply with all Social Distancing guidelines as required by NYS and Monroe County Department of Health. Floor markings delineate proper social distancing.