

FCFOA Covid-19 Official's Guidelines

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If you have any flu like symptoms do not go to game site, notify the Luther Wilson.

R's at all levels should contact AD's about parking, field entry points, locker room availability, bottled water, etc. Treat these contacts as you would in playoff game.

Expect to show up to game site dressed in uniform.

Wear Mask/Gaiter, Have a back-up in case of malfunctions. Color preference is black.

Expect temperature check & possible health screening questions.

Try to maintain 6ft distance from others at all times.

Pocket size hand sanitizer bottle, clean hands frequently.

Bring your own bottled water if site doesn't provide sealed water bottles. Do not share player's water bottles.

Gloves are optional to wear. If disposable gloves are being used bring multiple pairs.

Clock operator to meet officials on field. Under no circumstances go into press box.

When meeting coaches maintain 6ft social distancing, no handshakes.

R & U (L for lower levels) along with 1 captain from each team for coin toss, no handshakes.

Team Box for players extended to the 10yd lines, coaches still restricted between the 25yd lines.

Players are not required to wear a mask. (The 22 on the field playing)

Non-players (subs), coaches, trainers, etc. on the sideline are required to be wearing a mask. If it's observed that coaches are not wearing a mask, Referee is to stop the game & address the situation with the head coach. Game will resume after compliance. If there are repeat issues then get Administration involved, but game is not to be resumed until coaches are in compliance.

Do not let any coach, player, or non-player approach you not wearing a mask, & maintain 6ft buffer.

No players or coaches in 2yd belt (10yd to 10yd) during live play. This is a foul, 9-8-3.

No other Rules changes for Covid-19. Officiate like you would a normal game.

Electronic Whistles-optional, reports are they are not effective because they are not loud. R or B can assist the flanks/umpire with blowing whistle to stop play if needed. Look for arm raised to signal play is dead.

Referee can hold up play until all officials are safely in position.

After play is over, have Runner leave ball where it's at or have Runner toss you the ball. Officials should decide what's best for themselves.

Per CIF, Footballs are to be sanitized by team personal & a 3 ball rotation is recommended.

Chain Crew is to be wearing masks. Keep chain crew 2yds off the sideline.

After game leave promptly if not using locker room, any post-game talks should be done in a safe manner.

Per CFOA & CIF SS officials are to decline signing any waiver to officiate any game. If school requires a waiver to be signed, politely decline to.

If any on field safety issues arise, contact site administrator for the game.

This will be a learning experience for officials & teams, I expect changes to occur throughout the season.