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## Club Leadership-

There has been a revision to the information we sent out yesterday regarding youth sports in Orem and Provo cities while operating under the orange phase.

As you know, at Governor Herbert's press conference yesterday, Richard Saunders, Director of the Utah Department of Health announced that Provo and Orem cities will be moving back to the orange phase of Governor Herbert's Utah Leads Together plan effective September 23, 2020 at 11:59 pm.

**Since this announcement, Director Saunders has clarified that team sports will be permitted to continue in the orange areas with the following exceptions:**

- 1. 15U and older, no spectators permitted at games or practices.**
- 2. 14U and younger, only two spectators (from the same household) allowed per player while following social distancing practices and wearing masks when social distancing is not possible.**

The Utah Youth Soccer Association is grateful to be allowed to continue the State League, Recreation, and other programs in these areas and want to stress the importance of following these new restrictions. We understand this is not an ideal scenario and supporting and cheering your players is a huge piece of the soccer experience for your families. However, we simply must follow the direction from government authorities and echo their sentiment if we wish to continue forward with a safe and successful Fall soccer season.

The following list indicates fields we've identified in the Provo/Orem orange phase category and will not, under any circumstances allow for spectators at practices or matches with players of high school age while under the orange classification. This list is meant to be helpful and provide clarity during this change but may not be exhaustive. Any venue, field or facility that is located in Provo or Orem cities is subject to the new spectator restrictions. Please note that this change will not affect matches scheduled at these locations on Wednesday, September 23rd.

### **List of Fields in Orange Phase:**

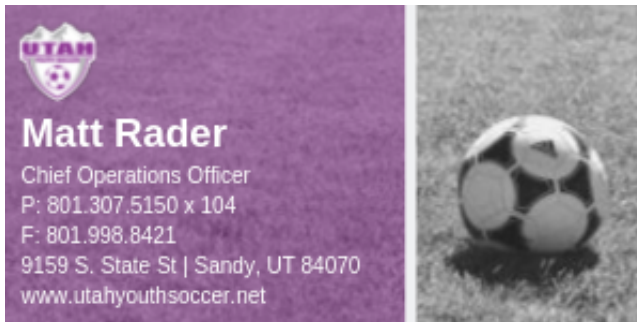
- Aspen Elementary
- Fort Utah Park
- Franklin Soccer Field
- Geneva Elementary
- Grandview Park
- IHC Fields
- Palisade
- Rock Canyon Park
- Sertoma Park
- Westridge Elementary
- Lakeside Sports Complex

***\*To clarify: if you have a game at any of the above field locations, whether as the home or away team, you cannot have spectators at these locations in any capacity if your competition level is 15U and above and you are limited to two spectators***

**per player (from the same household) for 14U and below age groups. Failure to comply could result in a forfeit of the match by the non-compliant sideline. Referees will be instructed to delay the start of the matches until sidelines are clear from spectators at the 15U+ age groups. It will be the coaches (rostered) responsibility to regulate the no spectators rule for 15U+ matches and both the coaches and team managers responsibility to regulate the two (2) spectator rule at 14U and younger age groups.**

In light of the change to orange in Provo and Orem, let it serve as a reminder and emphasize the importance of social distancing and wearing a mask when social distancing is not possible for spectators and coaches in areas in the yellow phase.

Please wear your mask today and follow the State's and UYSA's guidelines so we can continue to play and watch the sport we all love.



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Dear Mr. Clegg:

Thank you for your leadership in guiding Utah County's efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic and your support of Governor Herbert's "Utah Leads Together Plan 4.0." The Utah Department of Health would like to provide an exception, specific to sporting events and school extracurricular activities, for the cities of Provo and Orem to the "Phased Guidelines for the General Public and Businesses to Maximize Public Health and Economic Reactivation Version 4.11" per Utah Public Health Order 2020-13.

After careful review and consultation with the Governor's Office, I am granting an exception to the phased guidelines version 4.11 as it pertains to *ref "Outdoor Recreation and Youth Outdoor Sports"*

*and "Fitness Centers and Gyms." Beginning Wednesday, September 23, 2020, at 11:59 p.m., sporting events and school extracurricular activities may occur as stated in these same sections in the Yellow Phase with the following exception: the event may have no spectators except when it involves a non-high school age participant who requires parental or guardian support at the event, in which case no more than two members of the same household may attend.*

Please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Regards,



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Executive Director



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