

Press Release - State Releases Youth Sports Guidance

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SANTA ANA, Calif. (August 4, 2020) - The California Department of Public Health released guidance for youth sports activities to re open including school based, club and recreational programs The guidance document may be found at [COVID 19 Industry Guidance: Youth Sports](#).

All youth sports and physical education in Orange County must follow state guidance of physical distancing and safety protocols. Youth sports and physical education will be permitted only when the physical distancing of at least six feet can be maintained and a stable cohort such as a class is maintained. Activities should take place outside to the maximum extent practicable. Tournaments, events and competitions or any outdoor or indoor youth sports activities requiring close contact are not yet permitted under the state's guidance.

Youth sports leagues must ensure that they meet the proper safety protocols as outlined in the [COVID 19 Industry Guidance: Youth Sports](#) which include proper cleaning, disinfection, and physical distancing.

Youth sports organizations will be required to train all staff and on how to follow safety procedures including enhanced sanitation practices and provide information to families regarding safety guidance and requirements.

For more information about the COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and School Based Programs, please visit <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-youth-sports--en.pdf>.