

Canton Parks & Recreation

First Kicks COVID-19 Safety Protocol

Protocol is subject to change. Please check CantonRec.org for updates.

All participants will be required to abide by the following guidelines in order to prioritize and maintain the health and safety of all participants, parents and staff.

Each participant will need to have a guardian with them during the program to be their partner for drills and games. *Guardian must be at least 16 years or older.*

Pre-Screening: All staff, parents and players will be asked to conduct health self-assessments prior to arrival at the fields. Anyone presenting with any symptoms will be asked to remain at home.

- If the participant has a temperature over 100.4 degrees, persistent cough, or other indications of illness, please do not leave your home.
- Please wash your hands with soap and water to ensure safety of players, coaches, and staff.

Equipment: Please bring your own soccer ball. Canton Parks & Rec will have balls available, but everyone is encouraged to bring their own equipment.

Arrival Participants and parents will be directed to their designated area of play for the day. Parents/guardians who are not playing, only observing, will not be able to enter the playing area and are asked to sit outside of the field of play while maintaining social distance.

During Play: Players will be socially distanced as much as possible during the program. Each participant will be given a designated area to run drills and play games. Guardians will need to be within the participant's playing area to assist with games and drills.

Leaving the Field: Participants and guardians will clear the field promptly at the end of the session to ensure the staff has enough time to sanitize used equipment.

Social Distancing: In a continued effort to keep participants, guardians and staff safe, social distance will be maintained wherever feasible. Drills have been modified to accommodate social distancing.

Other safety measures:

- No handshakes/personal contact celebrations: This include high fives, fist/elbow bumps, chest bumps or group celebrations
- No sharing of drinks or snacks: Participants, volunteer coaches and staff should bring their own personal drinks to all activities
- Coaches: Coaches must wear a mask at all times when on the fields with players.
- Spectators: All parents/guardians must wait on the perimeter of the playing area to ensure proper distancing between others spectators as well as players, staff and coaches.
- PPE: Staff must wear masks at all times. Participants will not be required to wear masks, but social distancing will be monitored.
- Format of program: The format will remain the same for the program - with the exception that parents will be asked to participate to ensure social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer: Staff will distribute hand sanitizer, but players and coaches are encouraged to bring their own as well.
- Please avoid carpooling with other participants from other households, if possible.