



United Soccer of Auburn

To: U14Girls Soccer Coaches and COVID-19 Coordinator – Thad Whitcher, Matthew Corey, Keith Gonyea, and Melissa Jess

From: Andy Paquette, USA COVID-19 Safety Officer

Date: September 28, 2020

RE: Mask Reminder/Adult Spectator - Warning

The purpose of this memo is to share with you the following:

On September 26, 2020, I went to your 10:30 game at Auburn Middle School. I was there for 20 minutes and noticed the following state and local violations:

- (1) Several adults in the stands and around the field were not social distancing as required.
- (2) Several of these adults were not wearing masks or other appropriate facial coverings.
- (3) There were at least 2 groups of adults that were more than the allowed number per player.
- (4) I noticed at least three players not wearing masks properly on the field.
- (5) The benches were being used.

I was taking count of the spectators as the number of spectators appeared to be more than the allowable 50. I verified that the number was 50. In addition to that, I was tallying the number of Auburn players not wearing masks appropriately.

The expectation for ensuring these rules are followed are on the coaches and the COVID-19 Team Coordinator.

In addition, I have also received 3 complaints from parents that at your practices, the wearing of masks is not strictly enforced.

As per the regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Youth Soccer Association, and our United Soccer of Auburn, these are unacceptable.

This memorandum is to serve as a warning that another violation will be grounds for disciplinary action by the USA Disciplinary Subcommittee and per the by-laws that have been shared at the mandatory coaches training and several subsequent communications.

Feel free to call me and or email me if you feel the need to further discuss this issue.

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