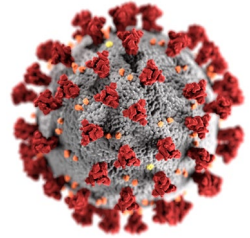


# BAFA COVID-19 changes

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# Fundamentals

- COVID rates may be low ...
- ... but the virus is still with us
- Still need to take care to keep safe

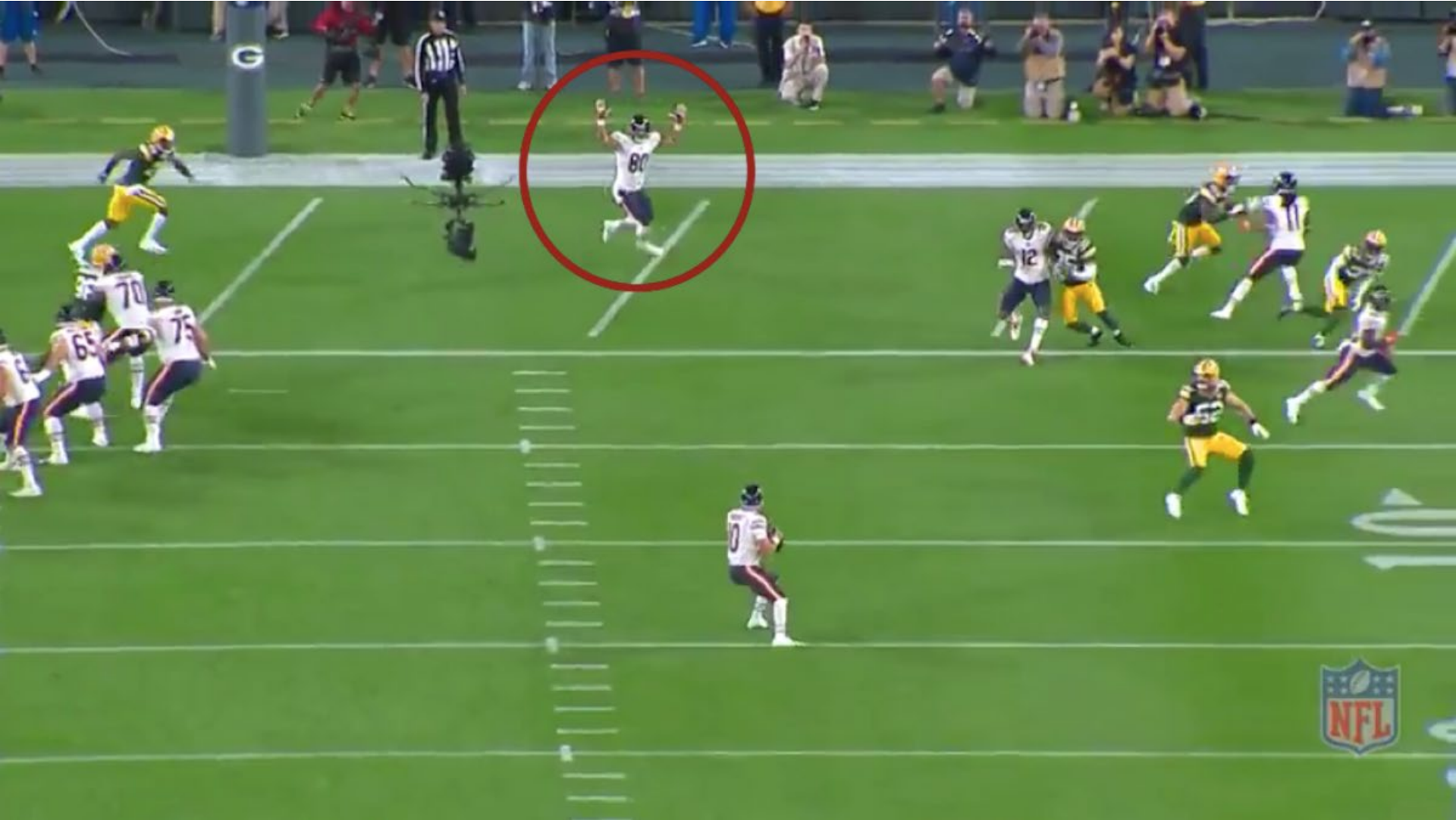
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# WHAT CHANGES HAVE WE MADE?



# Maintain social distance as much as possible

- Be close ONLY when ball is live or just before snap
- After the play, 5 seconds to socially distance again
- Have a socially distanced huddle

# On the sideline

- Spread out in the team area
- Have plenty of hand sanitizer
- Use soapy water or antiviral wipes on the ball
- Don't share bottles or other items

# Safety tips

- Heavy breather? Face away!
- Don't shout at people in front of you
- Avoid touching people - unless blocking or tackling them
- Don't hold the ball longer than necessary
- Hands, face, space

# Stay away

- If you:
  - have tested positive
  - have COVID symptoms
  - have been told to self-isolate
  - feel particularly vulnerable to COVID – this is a personal choice

# Summary

- Keep your distance
- Protect the game
- Save lives