

# West Madison Little League COVID Policy (8.20.21)

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## WMLL APPROACH

**AREAS COVERED BY PHMDC ORDERS:** The WMLL Board will create & communicate rules that comply with current Public Health Madison & Dane County (PHMDC) Order requirements. All requirements of the current PHMDC order apply at all WMLL events even if they are not summarized in WMLL rules.

**OTHER AREAS:** In areas not required by PHMDC orders, the WMLL Board feels that the best way to continue to provide a safe, respectful & positive WMLL ballpark environment is by:

- recognizing that various attitudes, risk tolerances & vaccination statuses exist.
- acknowledging that individuals & families should & need to be responsible for their own actions.
- ensuring that everyone is allowed to take, & feels comfortable taking, whatever precautions they feel most appropriate, while also being respectful of others' preferences.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) should discuss their preferences/expectations with their children in advance & are responsible for monitoring & correcting their children's actions & behavior at the ballpark. Coaches, volunteers, & staff have neither the right nor responsibility to direct or monitor the COVID-related actions or behavior of children outside their own families except in a few specific instances described below.

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## WMLL RULES & GUIDELINES

**STAY HOME IF SICK OR EXPOSED:** No one may attend a WMLL event if they are experiencing COVID symptoms, have tested positive for COVID, or have had a COVID "close contact" until they have been cleared by a medical professional or have completed a quarantine per PHMDC requirements. *Please see the [PHMDC website for additional information](#).*

**NOTIFY WMLL IF YOU ATTENDED A WMLL GAME, PRACTICE OR EVENT DURING YOUR "INFECTIOUS PERIOD":** Any individual that may have attended a WMLL game, practice or event during their "infectious period" is requested to notify PHMDC, their coach, & WMLL's executive director Brian Beutter (brian.beutter@gmail.com) upon receipt of a positive COVID test. The individual should provide information on the date of positive test and/or the date of onset of any symptoms.

*Infectious Period (per PHMDC): Someone who tested positive is considered to be infectious from two days before symptom onset until they meet all of the following criteria: 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medication, other symptoms are improving (but may still be present), and at least 10 days after symptom onset. If the individual who tested positive does not have symptoms, they are considered to be infectious from two days before the test date until ten days after the test was collected. Individuals who test positive should isolate while they are infectious and not participate in sports-related activities. A negative test is not required for these individuals to return.*

### MASKS:

- **Required in Enclosed Spaces:** Masks are required for anyone aged two and older when inside restrooms, the equipment/mail room, the concession stand building, & the storage / grounds building when other people, except for members of the person's own household or living unit, are present.
  - Per PHMDC, a space is enclosed if it has a roof and more than two substantial walls. A substantial wall is a wall with no opening or with an opening that either does not allow air in from the outside or is less than 25 percent of the wall's surface area.
- **Optional elsewhere:** Individuals who would like to wear a mask in other locations are encouraged to do so - especially when not vaccinated & physical distancing is not possible.

**PHYSICAL DISTANCING:** Physical distancing is no longer required in any indoor or outdoor locations at WMLL. Individuals who would like to maintain physical distancing are encouraged to do so – especially when not vaccinated.

- **Team seating:** Players & coaches have two options for game seating when not on the playing field. They may choose to sit in the dugout or outside, but near the dugout. Dugouts will not have capacity limits, nor physical distancing or mask requirements. Individuals who would like to wear a mask are encouraged to do so regardless of where they chose to sit.
- **Celebrations & handshakes:** Players & coaches may elect to exchange high fives, fist bumps, elbow bumps and all other celebrations with other willing individuals – including with the other team after games. Individuals that prefer not to participate in these exchanges should feel free not to participate, letting their coach know as needed.

**CATCHER'S GEAR:** Players may use WMLL-provided or their own catcher's gear. Any coach or player that wishes to sanitize a catcher's helmet/mask before use are encouraged to do so. WMLL supplies instructions, Microban 24 Sanitizing Spray & cleaning towels in the equipment/mailroom for this purpose.

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## WMLL RESPONSE & NOTIFICATIONS

When notified of a positive test case, WMLL will take the following actions as recommended by PHMDC.

**GATHER INFORMATION:** League officials will gather information to determine whether the individual participated in a practice or game during their infectious period &, if so, identify individuals who had close contact with the person who tested positive.

### PROVIDE NOTIFICATIONS

- **Close contacts:** League officials will notify anyone who meets PHMDC criteria of a close contact. For confidentiality purposes, the individual who tested positive will not be identified in these communications. These "close contacts" need to quarantine immediately according to PHMDC guidance.
- **Others as appropriate:** League officials will also notify other individuals (not meeting the criteria of a close contact) that attended the relevant practice or game that another attendee at that event tested positive so that they are aware of the potential exposure and can watch for symptoms.

**COOPERATE WITH PHMDC CASE INVESTIGATOR.** League officials will cooperate fully with PHMDC case investigators – including providing notice of positive cases per PHMDC guidance.

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## STAY SAFE, PLAY BALL, HAVE FUN!

Thank you for being a part of WMLL & for your understanding & cooperation!