

WMLL COVID POLICY (5.8.22)

Note: All West Madison Travel Teams must adhere the West Madison Little League COVID Policy in full. For brevity, WMTT has not been added throughout the document. As such, please consider every use of "WMLL" to equate to "WMLL/WMTT"

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. **As of March 1, 2022, PHMDC does not have any COVID-related orders in place.**

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.

PHMDC Recommendations & Guidance

Get Vaccinated: Vaccination is the most important way to protect yourself and the people you love from COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccines are free, safe, and effective. It's important to stay up to date on your vaccines and get boosted when you are eligible to have the most protection from COVID. Currently everyone 5 years old and older is eligible to be vaccinated, and many are able to get boosted.

Stay Home & Get Tested If You're Sick Or Were Exposed

- Regardless of your vaccination status, stay home if you're sick. This is true for COVID-19 and other viruses! Get tested for COVID if you have COVID symptoms or were exposed.
- If you were exposed to COVID or test positive, learn more about your next steps at <https://publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus/what-to-do-if-you-are-sick-or-possibly-exposed>.

Masking Can Provide Another Layer Of Protection: Wear a mask if you are more comfortable doing so. While as of March 1 there is not a PHMDC mask order in, you are still welcome to wear a mask. Well-fitting, high-quality masks like KF94s, KF95s, and N95s provide great protection, even if no one else around you is wearing a mask.

Minimize Risk When Attending Gatherings: Before attending a gathering, take a look at CDC's guidance for strategies to help minimize risk at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/gatherings.html>.

WMLL COVID Notifications

Notify WMLL If You Attended a WMLL Game, Practice or Event During Your "Infectious Period": Upon receipt of a positive COVID test, any individual that may have attended a WMLL game, practice or event during their "infectious period" is requested to notify PHMDC, their coach, & either [Mark Wochos \(markwochos@gmail.com\)](mailto:markwochos@gmail.com) for WMLL teams or [Andrew Fritts \(text to 973/464-8670\)](tel:9734648670) for WMTT teams. The individual should provide information on the date of positive test and/or the date of onset of any symptoms.

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

- 1) **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.
 - 2) **Provide Notifications:** 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.
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STAY SAFE, PLAY BALL, HAVE FUN!