



## Guidelines for Elementary School and Parish-Based Athletic Programs

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The following protocols are required to be implemented to the greatest degree possible by all Archdiocese of Milwaukee elementary school or parish-based sport programs choosing to participate in any, and all, Archdiocese of Milwaukee approved athletic leagues during the 2021-2022 school year. These protocols are subject to update and amendment at any time during the 2021-2022 school year.

Failure to comply with these protocols may result in an individual team or entire school/parish-based program being disqualified from competition for the remainder of the 2021-2022 season.

### General Guidelines:

- COVID Coordinator - Each school must have a COVID Coordinator responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. A school may choose to have one COVID Coordinator for each sport. Each school must ensure that other schools know who the COVID Coordinator is in the event contract tracing is needed. All parents, staff, and participants should know who this person is and how to contact him/her. This person is responsible for:
  - Making all COVID-related policies and pertinent training known to all parents, staff, and participants through training (virtual or in-person), policies, and digital communication.
  - Keeping a record of all student-athletes and coaches present at each practice and competition for each team and coordinating contact tracing when necessary.
- Health Screens - Each participant should screen themselves before attending each practice or competition. Youth should do this with parent supervision.
  - Any staff member or participant showing COVID symptoms should not attend a practice or competition.
  - Any staff member or participant who is under a quarantine period may not participate in a practice or competition until their quarantine is over or they present a negative COVID test.
- Contact Tracing - Each school must follow contact tracing guidance from local health departments when they are made aware of participants or staff who experience symptoms after the activity/program has concluded.
- ***Any requirement for any student-athletes, coaches, and/or spectators to wear face coverings is a local decision.*** Anyone who wishes to wear a face covering or exercise caution during an event or program must be allowed to do so without judgment or negative consequence.
- Social distancing is encouraged to the greatest degree practical.
- All state and local protocols/limits must be followed by each program and sport.
- All staff and participants must follow all COVID protocols for every program and sport.

### Facilities

- Capacity limit for programs and activities is determined by the ability of all participants and staff to maintain safety, including social distancing, in the facility to the greatest degree practical.

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- Facilities and competitions should be arranged in ways that promote social distance through signage, seating arrangements, marked hallways, separate entrances/exits, and staggered arrival/dismissal times, and restroom capacity limits to the greatest degree practical.
- Indoors facilities should have proper ventilation and air circulation to the greatest extent practicable.
- Heightened and thorough sanitation and cleaning protocols should be in place, including sanitizing stations, restricted use of water fountains & locker rooms, regular sanitizing of program equipment and high-touch areas, and general facility sanitizing.
- It **is the responsibility of the host school** to develop and publish its requirements, protocols, and procedures for competitions at its facility. These requirements, protocols, and procedures should be communicated to both the league and member schools.
- It **is the responsibility and expectation of the visiting school's** student-athletes, coaches, and spectators to comply with any, and all, requirements, protocols, and procedures of the host school. Schools that do not comply may result in an individual team or entire school/parish-based program being disqualified from competition for the remainder of the 2021-2022 season.

#### **Admissions and Concessions:**

- Collection of admissions and sale of concessions are allowed.
- Snacks, drinks, and meals should be individually packaged whenever possible.
  - Appropriate sanitation and hygiene practices must be adhered to.
- Student-athletes and coaches should have their own water bottles and not share. Water refill stations should be utilized instead of water fountains if possible.

**Spectators:** the number of spectators allowed must be in compliance with the facility's limit for spectators (athletic event) and/or total capacity.

- Spectators and staff members must properly wear masks if required by the host parish/school.
- Pedestrian flow – create protocols and signage to address ingress and egress areas and high traffic areas to avoid congestion.
- Seating – establish a procedure that allows for social distancing to the greatest degree practical.

**Sport-Specific Guidelines:** To the greatest extent practical, competitions should be conducted in accordance with guidelines issued by the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association for high schools.

***Leagues should determine which of these guidelines are practical to adapt to their respective leagues.***

Leagues are strongly encouraged to collaborate with each other regarding the adoption and implementation of these guidelines.

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