

WBBA COVID-19 Policy 2021-2022 Season – Updated 1/17/22

White Bear Basketball Association follows the [COVID-19 protocols](#) established by the White Bear Lake Area School District, directed by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). This policy is subject to updates as guidance and case numbers change throughout the season.

Players and coaches should contact MDH and their primary health care provider for specific COVID-19 symptom or treatment questions.

Masks

- Players and coaches will be required to wear masks when entering and exiting schools and gyms for practice sessions, games, try-outs, and skills/drills sessions.
- Players may take off their masks upon the start of practice
- Coaches must wear masks at all times.

Practices

- We strongly urge parents not to attend practice or roam the hallways of schools during practice.
- If younger players need assistance getting to the gym and being picked up after practice, parents can help with this provided they are masked.

Tournaments

At this time, tournaments will have their own COVID-19 procedures. That will be communicated for each tournament as we learn more. It can be reasonably assumed that masks will be required during the 2021-2022 basketball season for all coaches and spectators. Mask guidelines for active players on the court will vary depending on the school district facility policy.

Screening

The WBBA recommends that all players and coaches perform the Daily Health Screening before practices and games this season. Players and coaches should stay home if any symptoms are present, regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status. Here is the MDH [symptom screening link](#).

Positive COVID-19 Cases

If a player or coach tests positive for COVID-19, the family will notify their team's head coach or WBBA: Steve Anderson, 651-246-9542, sjanders21@gmail.com

Players and coaches who have tested positive for COVID-19 may return to play after 5 days of quarantine AND symptoms have improved AND have a negative antigen test. Individuals with symptoms after 5 days should isolate for the full 10 days.

Close Contacts on Team

WBBA or the team's Coach will notify families if there is a positive COVID-19 case on the team. Close contacts are considered those within 6 feet for 15 cumulative minutes, 48 hours before the person tested positive or developed symptoms of COVID-19. Families should follow the current [Minnesota Department of Health and CDC recommendations](#), outlined as follows:

- **Fully immunized**

- Players and coaches who are fully immunized (two weeks past the second vaccine dose) and are asymptomatic do not need to quarantine. [COVID-19 testing is recommended 5 or more days after exposure.](#)
- **Not fully immunized**
 - Players and coaches who are not fully immunized or not masked may return to play after 5 days of quarantine if they are asymptomatic AND have had a negative COVID-19 test 5 days after exposure.
- **Masks**
 - Players and coaches who are masked and asymptomatic are not required to quarantine regardless of COVID-19 vaccine status. COVID-19 testing is recommended 5 or more days after exposure.
- **Symptoms after close contact exposure**
 - Regardless of immunization status or mask-wearing, players and coaches who develop COVID-19 symptoms after the close contact should not return to play until symptoms improve AND have a negative test 5 or more days after exposure.

Please notify your head coach if the player will miss any practices or games.

Close Contacts outside of WBBA

MDH recommends anyone who has had a COVID-19 close contact be [5 or more days after exposure.](#)

- **Fully Immunized**
 - Players and coaches who have had a close contact in school, home, or the community, are fully immunized (two weeks past second vaccine dose), and asymptomatic, do not need to quarantine and may return to play
- **Not Fully Immunized**
 - Player and coaches who are not fully immunized and have had a close contact in school or the community may return to play after 5 days of quarantine, if they are asymptomatic AND have had a negative COVID-19 test 5 days after exposure.
 - Players and coaches who are not fully immunized and have a household member test positive for COVID-19 are required to quarantine for 5 days after the last day of exposure and have a negative COVID-19 test prior to returning to play.
 - Day 1 of quarantine = the day after the last person in the home with COVID-19 has completed 5 days of isolation and has no symptoms.
- **Symptoms after close contact exposure**
 - Regardless of immunization status or mask-wearing, players and coaches who develop COVID-19 symptoms after a close contact should not return to play until symptoms improve AND have a negative test 5 days after exposure.

Please notify your head coach if the player will miss any practices or games.