

Williams Bay Winter Sports Protocols 2020-2021

COVID Basics:

The foundations of reducing risk should always be kept in mind:

- Coaches and athletes must avoid participation and attendance if sick (fever and/or symptoms)
- Masks must be worn indoors in accordance with the Williams Bay School District COVID-19 plan.
- It is acceptable for athletes to wear a mask while participating in exertion, but it is not required. Athletes not participating must wear a mask.
- Coaches and sideline personnel will wear masks at all times.
- Coaches and athletes must maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet when not participating (sideline, waiting for turn, etc.)
- Athletes will train in smaller "pods" (6-10) of athletes to reduce exposure risk during the pre-season.
- Coaches will minimize shared equipment as much as possible and sanitize that equipment frequently.

WHAT IF ATHLETE IS SICK OR EXPOSED

- Any student-athlete that has symptoms and/or fever may not participate in any activity (meetings, practice, competition) and must begin self-quarantine immediately. If the athlete, parent or coach has any questions about quarantining and participation, they should contact the District Nurse, Jacqueline Natonski. Failure to properly quarantine may result in the suspension of teams activities for a period of time.
- Student-athletes with a **positive COVID test** (even if no symptoms) must not return to participation in training or competition until:
 - At least 10 days have passed since positive test; AND
 - No fever (fever is temp of 100.4°F or more) without the use of fever-reducing medicine for at least 24 hours; AND
 - COVID symptoms (for example, cough, shortness of breath, etc.) have improved;
 - Athletes may not return earlier if negative follow-up testing (cannot test out of isolation).
- Any student-athlete that has "close contact" (teammate, household, classroom, work, girlfriend/boyfriend, friend – someone with over 15 minutes of exposure within 6 feet) should begin self-quarantine immediately.
- "Close contact" to an individual with a positive COVID test, student-athletes should not return until:
 - They have waited 14 days from last exposure to the infected person; AND
 - Have no fever without use of fever-reducing medications; AND
 - No COVID symptoms (for example, cough, shortness of breath, etc.)
 - Athletes may not return earlier if negative follow-up testing (cannot test out of quarantine).

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR PRACTICES AND WORKOUTS

- Coaches will check their own and athletes' temperature before workouts, practices or games and document. If a student-athlete or a coaching staff member has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above, they will not attend practices or games.
- A record will be kept of all individuals present at team activities. Forms provided and kept at school.
- Designate a coach to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns and keeping records.
 - All coaches, staff, officials, and families should know who this person is and how to contact them
- Practice – Coaches are responsible for ensuring social distancing is maintained between players as much as possible. This means additional spacing between players while playing, chatting, changing drills so that players remain spaced out, and no congregating of players while waiting a turn.
- Workouts will be conducted in 'pods' of students, with the same 6-10 students always working out together. This ensures more limited exposure if someone develops an infection.
- Masks will be worn during pre-season workouts and individual drills are allowed. No competitive open gyms or workouts will be allowed until the season officially begins.
- When season practice begins players will practice as a team and not in a pod. Emphasize social distancing during instruction, individual and shooting drills.
- It is acceptable to wear a mask during exertion, but not required by athletes while at practice once the season starts. Athletes will wear a mask during instruction or while they are not participating in a drill.
- Basketballs will be disinfected before and after practice
- Hydration – All athletes will bring their own water bottle and towel. Water bottles must not be shared.
- No guests or non-team personnel will be allowed to attend practices.

GENERAL PROTOCOLS FOR EVENTS

- Coaches will check their own temperature and the temperature of all players prior to entering the gym for home games and prior to getting on the bus for away games. If a player does not ride the bus to away games, their temperature must be checked before joining the team and entering the venue.
- When arriving at the venue for a contest, coaches will exchange a tracing sheet and verification form signed by the head coach and/or athletic director acknowledging that the students have been pre-screened and the tracing sheet is accurate.
- During the WIAA Tournament series, failure to produce the verification form and/or tracing sheet will result in a forfeit.
- Scorers table will seat three people (Clock operators, scorebook) Announcer will be at a separate desk.
- Visiting team scorebook will be at the team bench.

Participants

- All participants are required to bring their own water bottles. It is also recommended that they bring their own towel and other personal items they may need during the game.
- Player benches and coaching boxes – Chairs will be staggered to promote social distancing. No towels shared by players. Teams will clean up their respective team area before leaving the venue.
- Mask/facial covering on the sideline for coaches and athletes on the bench or waiting to check in to the game. It is acceptable for players involved in the game to wear a face mask but it is not required.
- Student athletes will not be allowed to practice/play in games if they are registered as face to face and call in sick and go virtual for that day.

- If Williams Bay Middle/High School is closed due to COVID-19, all practices and games will be cancelled. Co-op student athletes will not be eligible to participate in practices or games even if the co-op school is in session.
- Parents will be allowed to transport their own student athlete(s) to and from games. A transportation waiver must be signed BEFORE the event in order for permission to be granted. If a player does not ride the team bus, their temperature must be checked before joining the team and entering the venue.

Spectators:

- Players from both teams will receive 2 passes for parents/guardians.
- No students/ student section will be allowed
- Dance team will perform at halftime wearing masks and social distancing.
- Game will be live streamed to allow fans to watch from home.
- Face covering requirements – Event Personnel, Media, Spectators – All will be required to wear mask while in the gymnasium
- Ticket sales – Tickets will not be sold, Supervisor will collect passes and monitor the gym flow.
- Pedestrian flow – signage will be provided to address in and out doors areas and high traffic areas to avoid congestion.
- Seating – Bleachers will be marked to create social distancing.
- Signage will be posted at the concession stand for patrons to maintain social distancing.

Concessions (if applicable):

- Maintain a sanitizing solution during operations and increase cleaning/sanitizing frequency – especially high contact surfaces such as equipment, utensils and countertops.
- Only pre-packaged items with drinks and candy. Popcorn is allowed
- A plexiglass barrier will be installed at the counter. Cash only

BASKETBALL

Pregame Protocol

- Limit attendees to the referee and the head coach
- Suspend handshakes prior to and following the Pregame Conferences
- Suspend post-game handshake
- Eliminate the jump ball and award the ball to the visiting team the first alternating possession for the throw in.

Team Benches

- Limit the number of bench personnel to allow for social distancing
- Chairs will be staggered and no spectators will be allowed behind the bench
- Limit contact between players when substituting

Equipment

- The game ball will be given to the officials in the locker room.
- Visiting team will bring their own set of basketballs for warmups.
- Host school will ensure that the ball is sanitized during time-outs and at half time.

Other Considerations:

- To start an overtime period, a coin toss will determine which team is awarded the ball.
- Teams are discouraged from congregating upon arrival to the event, prior to warm-ups, and immediately following the game.
- Huddles – Social distancing to be maintained as much as possible when the coach is communicating with the entire team, or in smaller groups.
- Athletes may use “buffs” or neck gaiters. Competitors may find that it is easier for them to mask-up when they feel they need to, and pull it back down without it dropping on the ground.