WFCA All Star Games benefiting Children's Wisconsin

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COVID Safety Plan
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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Children’s Wisconsin, thank you for your partnership and loyal support in hosting the WFCA All-Star Game benefiting Children’s over the past several years. We are so grateful for supporters like you who have helped to make Children’s what it is today.

The WFCA All-Star game is such a special event that gathers so many in our community, including nearly 220 football players, 40 coaches and their network of family, friends and supporters, all of which look forward to the unique energy and excitement of this community favorite. The collaboration and excitement are not only recognized by the kids and families of Children’s Wisconsin, but by the community that gathers for this state-wide tradition.

As a health system, safety is our top priority, both within our organization and the community. We are working continuously to make the best and safest decisions about providing care to families, gathering as a community and celebrating together. We believe there are ways we could adjust this event this year that would support the safety of the participants, and we hope you will engage with us in these conversations.

Since our founding over 125 years ago by the community, everything we do has been guided by our vision that Wisconsin’s kids will be the healthiest in the nation — and the commitment of the WFCA All-Star Game is invaluable to this mission. Families need a place like Children’s, where kids can get the very best care, specialized just for them. Critical funds raised via this beloved event help us promote health in every sense — from providing the most advanced treatments for tough diseases to offering programs that help kids reach their fullest potential. And no matter what challenges families face, we always look for ways to let kids be kids with wraparound services that are made possible by philanthropic support.

Children’s is in its 14th year of partnership with the WFCA. Since our partnership began in 2008, WFCA has raised more than $4.4 million during the All-Star Game to benefit the patients we serve.

We look forward to the opportunity to continue this great work with you and your team in 2021 and beyond. Thank you for helping us help kids!

Best regards,

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I. Overview
   A. WFCA will follow all WIAA/NFHS approved (CDC/DHS) COVID mitigation guidelines and policies.
   B. WFCA will also adopt any guidelines and protocols stated by the host university.

II. Applicability:
   A. Student-athletes, coaching staff, athletic training staff and WFCA personnel.
      1. Large schools’ team = 39 players, 8 coaches, 1 manager, 1 Licensed Athletic Trainer (LAT)
      2. Small schools’ team = 39 players, 8 coaches, 1 manager, 1 LAT
      3. Eight player team = 19 players, 5 coaches, 1 manager, 1 LAT
      4. WFCA Liaisons = 2

III. Procedure: Protections in Place
   B. Testing *Children’s Wisconsin can provide testing – to meet University policy.*
      1. Testing is designed for student-athletes, coaches and any WFCA personnel that has close contact with the student-athletes. COVID testing given per university policy.
      i. TIER 1 – Highest risk exposure individuals for whom social distancing and face coverings can be compromised during athletic training and competition.
      ii. TIER 2 – Moderate risk individuals consists of those that can come into close contact with Tier 1 individuals but can reasonably socially distance and use face coverings at all times.
      iii. TIER 3 – Lowest risk exposure are individuals that provide event services but do not come into close contact with TIER 1 individuals.
iv. No one outside of TIER 1 and Tier 2 individuals will be allowed in team areas including athletic training room, locker rooms etc. These areas will be secured and monitored by WFCA event personnel.

v. Only TIER 1 individuals will be permitted in the competition area. Tier 2 and 3 individuals may have access but must remain socially distanced from Tier 1 individuals.

C. Locker Rooms
1. Shall be sanitized by the host university before arrival of the teams.
2. Teams will use lockers and locker room per current university policy for storage of equipment.
3. WFCA will be responsible for sanitizing locker rooms during and after use.
4. Student-athletes and team personnel should shower at their housing unit as opposed to the locker room.

D. Equipment
1. Any shared equipment must be sanitized before and after each use.
2. Student-athletes must maintain and sanitize their personal equipment.
3. Each student-athlete and coach must provide their own (labeled) water bottle and towel.
4. Athletic trainers will provide contactless water refill dispensers for each team.
5. Sanitation stations and individual sanitation bottles will be available provided by WFCA and Children’s Wisconsin.

E. Daily Screening Requirements
1. Upon arrival to host university, student-athletes and all staff personnel will have temperature checks/health screening performed.
2. Any COVID testing requirements can be provided by Children’s Wisconsin per University policy.
3. Each student-athlete and staff member will complete temperature/health screening with COVID coach and/or athletic trainers daily. These screenings will be kept for contact tracing purposes. WFCA will provide LATs for each team.

F. Face Coverings
1. All student-athletes, coaching staff and team personnel will wear face coverings whenever indoors, transporting to and from facility and to and from competition area. Anytime student-athletes, team personnel and support staff are not actively competing they must wear face coverings.
2. The above face covering procedures apply to any game officials, game workers and field personnel. ie: Officials shall come dressed for game and have an individual water bottle.
G. Game Day Personnel
   1. All officials, game workers and approved media must adhere to the face covering and social distancing policy and complete the health screening policy before entering the competition area.
   2. All pre- and post-game handshakes will be eliminated
   3. The WFCA will not provide concessions, hospitality or halftime events.

H. Spectators
   1. Each student-athlete and coach will be allowed four tickets for spectators. Only spectators for each individual game will be allowed entrance. The stadium will be cleared after each game. Nobody without a ticket or on the pass list will be able to get into stadium.
   2. Spectators will be required to wear a mask and social distance from all non-family members. Signage will be placed throughout the stadium as a reminder. WFCA and Children’s Wisconsin staff will provide, hang and remove all signage. Failure to comply with spectator rules can lead to removal from the stadium.
   3. Spectators must depart the stadium after the competition is over and wait for student athletes outside the venue.

I. Other guidance and considerations
   1. Housing
      i. Lodging will be conducted in accordance with host university guidelines.
      ii. WFCA will provide supervisory personnel at all times (1/10 ratio).
   2. Dining
      i. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be served in accordance with host university policy.
      ii. WFCA will provide supervisory personnel at all times (1/10 ratio).

IV. For more information, see attached WFCA detailed guidelines and NFHS, CDC document links.

V. Guidelines and procedures can change based on health dept. and university changes to policies.

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2021 WFCA All Star Week – Sample Schedule

**Tuesday July 13th**
- 10:00am Staffs report
- 1:00pm Players report
- 2:30pm Team pictures
- 3:30pm Team meetings
- 4:30pm Dinner
- 6:30pm Practice 1 Helmets only

**Wednesday July 14th**
- 7:00am Breakfast
- 8:30am Practice 2 Helmets only
- 11:30am Lunch
- 2:00pm Practice 3 Optional-walk through
- 4:30pm Dinner
- 6:30pm Practice 4 Helmets only

**Thursday July 15th**
- 7:00am Breakfast
- 8:30am Practice 5 Helmets/Sh. pads
- 11:30am Lunch
- 2:00pm Practice 6 Optional-walk through
- 4:30pm Dinner
- 6:30pm Practice 7 Helmets/Sh.Pads

**Friday July 16th**
- 7:00am Breakfast
- 8:30am Practice 8 Helmets only
- 11:30am Lunch
- Afternoon TBA

**Saturday July 20th**
- Breakfast / Lunch TBA
- Site 1 10:00am Eight Player Game
  - 2:00pm Small School Game
  - 6:00pm Large School Game

*weekly schedule is subject to change

** All practice methods will be in accordance with host university policy and WFCA/WIAA guidelines.
COVID Basics

- COVID is primarily transmitted by aerosol, and possibly by touching contaminated surfaces.
  - Sports/training may cause heavier breathing which can increase spread of aerosol & virus transmission.
- Student-athletes with high-risk conditions or household/close contacts with high-risk conditions may want to avoid and/or adjust participation to reduce risk of transmission. CDC list of risk: [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html)
- The foundations of reducing risk should always be kept in mind:
  - Avoid participation and attendance if sick (fever and/or symptoms) – always discuss with your primary care provider if questions or concerns.
  - Wear a cloth mask or buff to reduce spread of your aerosol to others (the mask captures some of your aerosol and reduces transmission to other people).
    - Do not wear medical/surgical masks or N95 masks for exercise as these can decrease airflow.
    - Masks must be worn indoors according to the governor’s mandate while practicing or playing. Cloth masks are safe with exercise, they do not decrease oxygen levels, increase carbon dioxide levels, significantly restrict airflow, or cause heat illness. They will take time to get used to, as they can be uncomfortable and increase the perceived effort of exercise.
    - Athletes may wear a mask while participating in exertion, but it is not required. Athletes not participating should wear a mask.
    - Coaches and sideline personnel should wear masks at all times.
  - Social distancing of at least 6 feet when not participating (sideline, waiting for turn, etc.)
    - Continue to train in smaller “pods” of athletes to reduce exposure risk.
    - “Close contact” is based on the World Health Organization (WHO) recommendation that 15+ minutes of close (within 6 feet) exposure to another increases risk of transmission.
  - Continue to emphasize hygiene.
    - Hand sanitization/cleaning frequently (every time on and off field) – each athlete should be encouraged to have their own bottle.
    - Do not share water or food/snacks.
    - 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 should not participate in any activity (meetings, practice, competition) and begin self-quarantine immediately
  - Ensure that student-athletes with a positive COVID test (even if no symptoms) do 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
    - No COVID symptoms (for example, cough, shortness of breath, etc.); AND
    - Written medical clearance from a health care provider (MD, DO, APNP, PA) allowing return
    - Athletes may not return earlier if negative follow-up testing (cannot test out of quarantine)
  - Ensure that student-athletes with “presumed” COVID (symptoms of COVID—refer to symptom chart—but not tested), not be allowed to participate in any training or event until:
    - At least 10 days have passed since onset of symptoms; 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
No COVID symptoms (for example, cough, shortness of breath, etc.); AND
Athlete may return with a hard copy of a negative COVID test, no fever, and written medical clearance from health care provider.

1. Any individual that has no fever or symptoms that was quarantined based on exposure to this student-athlete may return to participation as long as they have no fever and no symptoms.

- 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.
  - If the student-athlete that was exposed previously had COVID (with a hard copy positive test) in the last 3 months, then there is no need to continue self-quarantine restrictions.
  - If the student-athlete that was exposed previously had “presumed” COVID (illness but not tested) in the last 3 months, then must continue with self-quarantine restrictions described below.
  - “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
    1. This is a longer period of time than positive COVID test time due to the combination of exposure, virus incubation and elimination from the body. This is similar to influenza, which is why if influenza is caught early enough flu medications may be helpful, but if influenza caught too late in the course then flu medications are not helpful.
    - 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).
      1. In rare instances where the infected positive exposure is a family member with prolonged illness, then discussion and medical clearance with health care providers can be individually obtained and reviewed.
  - “Close exposure” to an individual with “presumed” COVID (symptoms but not tested), student-athletes should not return until:
    - They have waited 14 days from last exposure to the infected person; AND
    - Have no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; AND
    - No COVID symptoms (for example, cough, shortness of breath, etc.).
    - If the individual with “presumed” COVID is tested during the course of the quarantine:
      1. The test comes back negative, then all individuals quarantined based on that exposure are free to return to participation if no fever and no symptoms.
      2. The test comes back positive, then all individuals must follow the directions above (close contact).
- Athletes may decondition during their quarantine and may require additional time to get back to full speed.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR PRACTICES

Pre-Workout/Pre-Contest Screening:
- Athletes and coaches should check their temperature with LAT before attending practices or games. If a student-athlete or a coaching staff member has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above, they should not attend practices or games.
- What if athlete is sick or exposed? – See above section.
- A record should be kept of all individuals present at team activities.
- Vulnerable individuals can resume public interactions, but should practice social distancing, minimizing exposure to social settings where distancing may not be practical, unless precautionary measures are observed.

COVID-19 Coach:
- Designate a coach to be responsible for enforcing all COVID-19 concerns.
- All coaches, staff, officials, and families should know who this person is and how to contact them.
- Train coaches, officials, and staff on all safety protocols.

Social distancing:
- 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 to bat. Workouts should be conducted in ‘pods’ of students, with the same 5-10 students always working out together. This ensures more limited exposure if someone develops an infection.
- Hydration – All students shall bring their own water bottle. Water bottles must not be shared.
Due to the importance of hydration during practice, athletes should not be allowed to work out if they do not have access to their own water bottle.

- Water cows, water trough, water fountains, etc. should not be utilized.
- Water refill stations should be cleaned/disinfected frequently.

**GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR EVENTS**

**Venue**

- COVID-19 Signage at entrances and throughout venue – i.e. spectator flow with designated entrance/exit areas with one-way traffic, reminders of not to attend if feeling ill, masking, social distancing, of hygiene habits, etc.
- “Commonly touched” areas – identify these items, such as water refill stations, door handles, handrails, etc. and develop a risk minimization/sanitization plan for these areas.
- Sanitizing Stations – Consider placing sanitization products in specific areas, such as scorer’s tables, team benches, ticket sales, etc.
- Parking/Drop-Off/Pick-Up Areas – Coordinate these areas to allow for social distancing before, during and after events.
- Restroom Access – Establish protocols to ensure restroom capacity is limited and adheres to social distancing guidelines.
- Booster Club/Sponsor/Vendor Sales – Consider reducing to relieve fan congestion.
- Concession Sales – Any concessions are operated and controlled by the hosting University.

**Staff**

- Review Emergency Action Plan with Event Staff – Review EAP, edit as needed and communicate changes.
- Education of Staff and Event Personnel – Provide staff with necessary training on sanitization protocols and other COVID-related items for event.
- COVID-19 Coach – Designate a staff member to be responsible for responding to COVID-19 concerns. All coaches, staff, officials, and families should know who this person is and how to contact them.
- Crowd Control Staffing Needs – Ensure adequate staffing to address event needs with additional attention to COVID-related items.
- Minimize the number of personnel on the sidelines.

**Participants**

- Eliminate any shared water stations – Require all participants to bring their own water.
- Player benches and coaching boxes – Use paint or tape as a guide to help maintain social distancing on the sideline for athletes and coaches. Encourage teams to clean up their respective benches before leaving the venue.
- Mask/facial covering on sideline for coaches and athletes not participating, especially if not able to maintain full social distancing.

**Spectators**

- Follow county guidelines on limiting spectators and submit a plan for allowing spectators
- Face covering requirements – Event Personnel, Media, Spectators – consider having masks available to purchase or to provide for those who may have forgotten to bring one.
- Ticket sales – If unable to eliminate on-site sales, consider steps to establish social distancing and provide a sanitization station.
- Pedestrian flow – Create protocols and signage to address ingress and egress areas and high traffic areas to avoid congestion. Consider using stanchions, tape or paint as a guide and communicate in advance.
- Seating – Establish a procedure for all indoor and outdoor venues that allows for social distancing guidelines. The number of spectators allowed must be in accordance with state/local regulations for gathering sizes.

**Other**

- Provide PA announcements to reinforce key site requirements and reminders of guidelines.

- Social distancing requirements – Teams, event personnel, media, spectators – Review and communicate plans to all
- Face covering requirements – Event personnel, media, spectators – Review and communicate plans to all.
- Livestream or TV options for spectators who cannot attend in person – Review and communicate plans to all, consider camera location(s).
- Seating capacity/configuration – Teams, spectators, media, medical, event personnel. Consider tape or paint as a guide, communicate in advance and create signage.
- Designate Event Management team – Includes a health professional. This group has the authority to modify, restrict, postpone or cancel the event based on public health risk or other factors.
- Communicate any pre-screening expectations for all attendees.
  1. All attendees should check their temperature at home before attending an event. If any attendee has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above, or if they have any symptoms, they should not attend the event.
- Create communication plan – Attendees can receive an emergency notification, if necessary. Think about how you will address and communicate a positive COVID test of an attendee before, during or after the event.

- Athletic Training services – Athletic trainers in high schools are positioned to play a vital role as sports return following this pandemic. As health-care professionals, they can take lead roles in developing and implementing infection control policy throughout the event. WFCA will partner with athletic trainers to develop and implement infection control policy throughout the event.
- Transportation to events – Masking and social distancing (as required by state or local health departments) will need to be maintained on buses/vans. Thus, multiple buses/vans will likely be needed.
FOOTBALL

RULE CONSIDERATIONS

Team Box (Rule 1-2-3g)
- The team box may be extended up to the 10-yard line for players only.
- Maintain social distancing of six feet.
- Cloth face coverings are permissible for coaches, nonplayers, and substitutes.
- Do not share uniforms, towels, and other apparel/equipment.
- Players should use their own water bottles.

Ball (Rule 1-3-2)
- The ball should be cleaned and disinfected throughout the contest.
- Ball holders should maintain social distancing at all times.

Gloves (Rule 1-5-2b)
- Gloves are permissible but must still meet either the NOCSAE standard or SFIA specification.

Face Masks [Rules 1-5-1a, 1-5-3c(4)]
- Cloth face coverings that tie to the head or loop around the ears under the helmet are permissible to be worn under the faceguard. Athletes may NOT use a “buff” or neck gaiter as it could result in a neck/tracheal/laryngeal injury if grabbed from behind and used to drag a ball carrier down.
- No facial covering or shield on the outside of any faceguard. It should be on the inside of the faceguard for risk minimization issues.
- Plastic shields covering the entire face (unless integrated into the face mask and attached to the helmet and clear without presence of any tint) shall not be allowed during the contest.
- The following two shields for football will be permissible for competition and is compliant with current 2020 NFHS Football Rule 1-5-3c(4) as long as it is clear and has no tint. The NFHS SMAC is not endorsing or mandating either of these products:
  - Schutt Sports – Flexible 2-piece “Splash Shield” (clear).
  - Actuated Medical, Inc. – Polycarbonate 2-piece face shield (clear).
  - Oakley has manufactured a face shield for the NFL that attaches to the football face mask. At this time, that face shield is not available for purchase by the public.
- NOCSAE stated the following with regards to facial coverings attached to the faceguard: “A face covering attached to a faceguard would not automatically void the NOCSAE certification of compliance with our NOCSAE standard, assuming it does not attach permanently to the faceguard and has no rigid components that might protrude into the facial area. The helmet/faceguard manufacturer has ultimate final say as to what can and cannot be attached to their facemask.”

Tooth and Mouth Protectors [Rule 1-5-1d (5)]
- Athletes should refrain from the removal of mouthguards while on the playing field. If mouthguards are removed on the sidelines or bench area, the athlete should use hand sanitizer each time after touching the mouthguard.

Charged Time-outs and Authorized Conferences (Rules 2-6-2, 3-5-3, 3-5-8)
- A single charged time-out may be extended to a maximum of two minutes.
- The authorized conference for a charged time-out should take place between the 9-yard marks and not at the sideline for social distancing purposes. It would be permissible for more than one coach to be involved in the conference and for technology to be used.
- Each game official and player should have their own beverage container brought out to them on the field.

Intermission Between Periods and After Scoring (Rule 3-5-7l)
- The intermission may be extended to a maximum of two minutes between the first and second and the third and fourth periods and following a try, successful field goal or safety, and prior to the succeeding free kick.

Pre-Game Conference, Coin Toss and Overtime:
- For the coin toss, limit attendees to the referee, umpire and one designated representative from each team.
- Coin toss should take place in the center of the field with individuals maintaining social distancing and wearing masks.
- No handshakes prior to and following the coin toss.
- Maintain social distancing while performing all pregame responsibilities with all officiating crew members, game administration staff, line-to-gain crew, clock operators, individuals handling the balls during the game and teampersonnel.
- For the overtime procedure, please use the same procedure as used at the start of the contest for the coin toss.
EQUIPMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Masks
- Masks must be worn according to the governor’s mandate upon arrival to the meet venue and until the official warm-ups have started. Face coverings are strongly recommended in all settings where people may come in contact with others, including outdoors when maintaining physical distance is not possible.
  1. Coaches and officials are strongly encouraged to wear masks, especially when not able to maintain social distancing.
  2. Spectators should be strongly encouraged to wear masks and are expected to follow social distancing guidelines.
  3. Cloth face coverings for athletes that tie to the head or loop around the ears under the helmet are permissible to be worn under the faceguard. Athletes may NOT use a “buff” or neck gaiter as it could result in a neck/tracheal/laryngeal injury if grabbed from behind and used to drag a ball carrier down.

Other Hygiene Considerations
- There should be no shared athletic equipment. Any equipment that is used should be cleaned and disinfected prior to and immediately following the meet. Be responsible for your own supplies.
- Each athlete should bring their own hydration/water bottles – no sharing.
- Athletes, coaches, and officials are encouraged to provide their own hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) and/or sanitizing wipes and use frequently – including before going on the competition field and after returning to the sideline.
- Emphasize to avoid touching the face throughout practice and competition.
- Spitting/nose clearing/coughing – All athletes and coaches are prohibited from spitting/nose clearing and must cover coughs.

General Reminders for Athletes
- Personal Items – It is recommended that each athlete bring their own gym bag for personal items.
- Clothing/shoes/helmets/shoulder pads – Must not be shared among athletes. Any items that are not currently being worn should be stored inside a personal gym bag.
- Athletes are encouraged to provide their own hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) and use frequently.
- Water bottle – All athletes shall bring their own water bottle. Water bottles must not be shared.
- Towels – Athletes should bring their own towels, if needed.
- Athletes should refrain from the removal of mouthguards while on the playing field. If mouthguards are removed on the sidelines or bench area, the athlete should use hand sanitizer each time after touching the mouthguard.
- Tell coaches immediately when you are not feeling well.

COMPETITION CONSIDERATIONS

Social Distancing
- Warm-ups/Stretching – Maintain social distancing between players
- Congregating of Athletes and/or Coaches – Discourage congregating upon arrival to the field, prior to game 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. All players and coaches should be encouraged to mask during huddles, especially non-active players.
- Elimination of Team Handshakes – Teams may find other respectful ways to acknowledge each other before or after a competition, while maintaining social distancing.
- National Anthem – Align team members in a manner that allows them to maintain social distancing guidelines.
- Interaction with Officials – Coaches and officials should maintain social distancing when interacting.
- Coin Toss – Eliminate and determine protocol (i.e., teams will defend the end of the field where their team bench is located for the first half. Home team will kick off in the first half, visiting team will kick off in the second half.)
  - Reduce the number of individuals at the coin toss.
- Starting line-ups/Introductions – Introduce from positions, after players have taken the field, and other athletes are socially distanced in the team box.
- Playing Field and Sideline area
  - Allow only essential personnel on the playing field. These are defined as athletes, coaches, medical personnel/trainers, and officials. Encourage facial coverings.
  - All others (i.e. managers, photographers, media, etc.) are considered non-essential personnel and are not to be on the field of play. Adhere to social distancing guidelines and encourage facial coverings.
- Team Box – Designate “places”, within the team box, for members of the team to be when they are not on the field. Consider paint and/or tape to help athletes recognize social distancing.
• Substitutions – designate a safe area for players entering the game. Minimize contact with the table and with each other.
• Departing the Field of Play (post game) – The visiting team should depart the field immediately after the completion of the game, followed by the home team. Every effort should be made to ensure that a log-jam does not occur upon departure of the two teams.

Spectators
• Follow county guidelines on limiting spectators. WFCA will submit a spectator plan.
• Face covering requirements – Event personnel, media, spectators – consider having masks available to purchase or to provide for those who may have forgotten to bring one.
• Ticket sales – If unable to eliminate on-site sales, consider steps to establish social distancing and provide a sanitization station.
• Pedestrian flow – Create protocols and signage to address ingress and egress areas and high traffic areas to avoid congestion. Consider using stanchions, tape or paint as a guide, communicate in advance and create signage.
• Seating – Establish a procedure for all indoor and outdoor venues that allows for social distancing guidelines. The number of spectators allowed must be in accordance with state/local regulations for gathering sizes.

OFFICIALS CONSIDERATIONS
Officials are not responsible for monitoring activities on the sidelines, such as social distancing, hand washing, symptoms of illnesses and other such issues. This monitoring remains with the coaching staff and school personnel.

• Electronic whistles are permissible – choose a whistle that will carry outside. Bring an extra battery.
• Cloth face coverings are strongly encouraged.
• Bring personal hand sanitizer and/or wash hands frequently. Gloves are permissible.
• Do not share uniforms, towels, and other apparel/equipment.
• Officials should use their own water bottles.

COACHES CONSIDERATIONS

• Communicate your guidelines in a clear manner to students and parents. Athlete safety is paramount.
• Communicate expectations regarding minimizing the spread of the virus and the habits that will contribute.
• Remind players to use hand sanitizer when prior to going on the competition field and after returning to the sideline.
• Follow the CDC guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting the competition venue.

FINAL CONSIDERATIONS

• Before, during, and after the contest, players, coaches, officials, team personnel and game administration officials should wash and disinfect their hands as often as possible.
• Maintain social distancing at all times while on the sidelines and on the field of play when possible.
• Everyone should have their own beverage bottles that are not shared.
• Cloth coverings are recommended for all coaches and team staff for all game administration.
• Gloves are permissible for all coaches and team staff and for all game administration.
• Try and limit the number of non-essential personnel who are on the field level throughout the contest.
• If possible, dressing facilities for game officials and teams should be large enough for them to use social distancing protocols and should be properly cleaned and disinfected prior to their arrival.
• Covid-19 Resources on WIAA web site: https://www.wiaawi.org/Health/COVID-19-Resources