

Bluff City Water Polo
COVID-19 Return to Play Protocol
Effective June 30, 2021

The following protocols will be implemented as practical risk mitigation procedures for those willing to accept the risk of normal water polo play. All BCWP participants will be required to sign a legal assumption of risk and a hold harmless waiver to BCWP and its hosting facilities at bcwp.org.

Safety Protocols

~~No spectators will be permitted in the stands at practice.~~

All reasonable attempts to increase air flow will be made. This includes opening of all flaps and doors at domed facilities.

There will be no locker room access. Players are expected to arrive and leave in their suits.

~~All practices will be split into "pods" of no more than 10 players. All players in a pod will practice together for the duration of that practice and will practice around one goal. Pods will not mix at a given practice. There will be no more than 3 concurrent pods at any one practice.~~

BCWP staff will document all participants at a practice ~~in a pod~~ for contact tracing purposes.

~~All efforts to maintain distance will be made both in the pool and on the pool deck. This includes no contact drills.~~

Any players experiencing any common COVID symptoms including but not limited to fever, dry cough, shortness of breath, loss of smell, loss of taste, headache, or fatigue will not be permitted to participate.

Any player testing positive for COVID must notify BCWP staff immediately.

Any player testing positive for COVID will not be permitted to attend BCWP events for 14 days.

Any player who has close contact exposure with a known COVID-positive person will not be permitted to attend BCWP events for 14 days. This restriction does not apply to players who can provide evidence of being fully vaccinated at the time of exposure.

All participants at a practice ~~in a pod~~ will be considered close contact for contact tracing purposes.

Per the CDC, close contact exposure is defined as:

You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more
You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19
You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them)
You shared eating or drinking utensils
They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you