

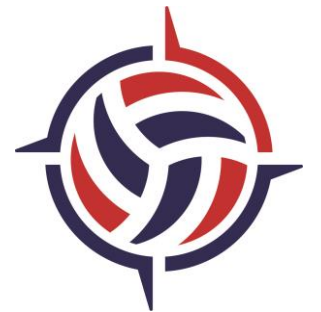
# MN Amateur Sports Commission – Facilities Group

COVID Reconnect – July 7, 2020



## TOPICS

- **Expectations of Users & Facilities**
- **Scenario: What happens if a positive COVID-19 Case is/was in my facility?**
- **Facility Operators Considerations**
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- **Financial Considerations**



## Expectations of USERS & FACILITIES

- The organization using the facility MUST have a **COVID Preparedness Plan** and should provide that document to the facility PRIOR to the event.
  - As a best practice, ask users to notify you if a COVID case occurs after an event has taken place.
- The facility MUST also have a **COVID Preparedness Plan** and should provide that document to the user PRIOR to the event.
  - As a best practice, ask facility to notify you if a COVID case occurs after an event has taken place.

### **Suggestion:**

- *As part of your COVID Preparedness Plan, you may want to have participants “check-in” in some way on the day of the event verifying that they are free of any symptoms at that point in time. A simple “google doc” can be created with a link shared and/or posted on your website. This gives you a little more back-up for liability purposes; and also, you are starting to develop a contact tracing list (if needed). You may still want to conduct onsite temperature checks; but the google doc just adds another level of safety and protection for everyone.*



## SCENARIO: A positive COVID-19 case is confirmed to have been in my facility – or at an event where I was present. What happens next?

- **DON'T PANIC!**
- **Make sure that the renter, team or facility has contacted the Department of Health.**
  - When a person is confirmed positive with COVID, the MDH begins contact tracing as soon as they are notified.
- **Does the facility get notification from MDH if there is a confirmed positive?**
  - If the infected person is a staff member, yes. The MDH will notify the facility.
  - If the infected person was a coach/player etc., the MDH will only notify the facility if they feel they need additional information for contact tracing purposes.
    - The team (coach or club director) should notify MDH of the positive test result – however, if the facility wants to notify MDH as well, that is fine – better safe than sorry!
- **Does the facility need to shut down?**
  - Typically – NO! There can be extenuating circumstances; but usually, a facility does not need to close down.
- **Does the facility need to do a “deep clean”?**
  - Typically, normal “COVID” cleaning routines will be fine.
- **Do I need to inform my other renters?**
  - Typically, the MDH will contact any parties found through connect tracing to have potentially been exposure to COVID; however again, you can certainly choose to notify a renter if you wish.
- **What if a staff member tests positive?**
  - Make sure the MDH has been contacted.

***In general, notify the MDH and let them do their job! They will contact the individuals who may have been in contact with the infected person. There is no need to alarm individuals who were not at risk.***



## Facility Operators Considerations

- **Is your facility ready to host events?**
  - Does it have the staff to maintain the facility under current COVID-19 standards?
  - Does it have the proper cleaning supplies?
- **Congregating Areas**
  - Make sure to plan for congestion in these areas.
    - Proper signage, floor markings, etc. are critical.
  - Venue Lobbies
    - Consider staggering entry and exit times
    - Plan merchandise locations so that participants can socially distance
  - Concessions Stands CAN be open during events.
    - <https://staysafe.mn.gov/industry-guidance/restaurants-bars.jsp>
    - <https://staysafe.mn.gov/industry-guidance/entertainment.jsp>
  - Locker Rooms/Restrooms
    - These spaces are the most difficult to maintain.
    - Eliminate locker rooms and all unnecessary restrooms whenever possible.
    - Cover or disconnect water fountains.
  - Spectator Seating
    - Provide adequate distancing between seats.
    - Masks may be required.
  - If there is glass separation (e.g. concession stands, ticket sales, etc.), should workers or volunteers wear masks?
    - Masking should still be encouraged (and in some cases, the facility may choose to require masks.)
    - Gloves may also be recommended depending on the job being performed (e.g. food service).
- **Realities of Enforcement**
  - What should happen if you find that people are not following the guidance of the state or the facility? (“People” could mean the facility personnel, team members or spectators.)
    - Report any individual abuse to the facility to see if they want to intervene.
    - If it is staff at the facility that should be reported, inform the facility
    - For continued non-compliance, reach out to [health.sports.covid19@state.mn.us](mailto:health.sports.covid19@state.mn.us).



## Waivers, Insurance, & Risk

*The general thought regarding liability is that if you are fulfilling your state's guidelines, you should be alright should an issue arise (per National Sports Law Institute - Marquette University Law School).*

### Waivers

- NCR-USAV – A general waiver form will be required online during the 2020-21 membership registration process
- User/Renter (e.g. club) – Clubs may choose to include language in their individual club waiver forms
- Facility – Facilities may choose to require the user to complete a facility waiver form
- Tournament – Tournament hosts may require participants to complete an event-specific waiver form

### Insurance

- Is a policy available that does not specifically exclude pandemics? Probably not – so make sure to consult with your insurance agent to confirm that you are as covered as you can be.

### Risk

- vs. Reward – Determine this before your proceed.

*“It’s next to impossible to exactly identify where a person may have gotten exposed to a respiratory illness when there is community wide spread. Respiratory illnesses don’t lend themselves to the same genetic tracking methods that can be used to identify and pinpoint the source of a foodborne illness (which enables many lawsuits because you can match the cases to a food item or location).”*

*- Jayne Griffith, MDH*



## Financial Considerations

- **Reward vs. Risk – Determine this before you proceed!**
- **Budget Review**
  - How did no spring 2020 operations affect your budget?
  - Are there additional expenses you will incur due to COVID?
    - Staffing
    - Supplies
    - Rent
- **Is there a need to charge/increase facility rental fees?**
  - Track costs during the upcoming season.
  - Is there a public policy regarding the increase of fees or passing fees through to users that you need to be aware of?
  - Make sure to communicate with your clients/partners on a regular basis so no surprises occur.

