

April 23, 2021

SLP and AC Lacrosse Coaches and Families:

We are reaching out to update you and clarify recommendations/requirements around COVID-19 protocols. Yesterday (April 22), the Minnesota Department of Health updated their guidance on organized youth sports. The following updates pertain to masking and spectating Lacrosse events and will guide our associations protocols:

**Updated outdoor face covering and spectating requirements and recommendations**

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/sportsguide.pdf>

**Players/Participants:**

All participants are ***strongly recommended*** to either wear a face covering at all times (including while actively practicing or playing) or test weekly for COVID-19.

Face coverings are ***required*** to be worn when sports participants are not actively practicing or playing and cannot maintain physical distancing. Players not on the field or actively participating are expected to mask or maintain physical distance of at least 6 feet. The expectation of our association(s) is that coaches will remain masked at all times

**Spectators:**

If it is necessary for spectators to be at practices, ensure that spectators maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing between households and that spectators are complying with venue/facility guidance—including applicable capacity limits.

Follow face covering requirements in the Stay Safe Guidance for Entertainment and Meeting Venues ([staysafe.mn.gov/industry-guidance/entertainment.jsp](https://staysafe.mn.gov/industry-guidance/entertainment.jsp)), which generally require spectators to wear face coverings indoors and outdoors.

Additionally, spectators at games should maintain a social distance of 6ft from other spectators and at least 12ft from the field or sideline and should wear a mask. Please stay home if you or a family member or close contact are experiencing any symptoms related to COVID19 or have been potentially exposed to anyone with COVID19.

All other COVID19 related protocols related to pre-screening of participants and other standards outlined in the COVID19 Preparedness Plan and Agreement remain the same. We are very excited to have the kids on the field and begin playing games and we want to keep it this way. Let's all enjoy the game!

Thank you,

SLP and AC Board Members