

Wilbraham Basketball COVID Modifications 2021-22 Season

We are committed to having basketball this winter, only if the rules and regulations are followed by all participants. We are using the DESE guidelines specific to being indoors in a public-school building. In addition to this, we will also be using any modifications released by the MIAA specific to basketball. If anything changes, we will update the League websites and send an email out with the updates/changes.

What does each player need this year?

- Sneakers. They should change into these when they enter the gym, to limit the amount of snow, salt and sand that enters the gym.
- Mask/Face Coverings
- Water bottle (with name clearly written on it).
- Players should have their own hand sanitizer.

What is required of parents?

- During registration you agreed to a Covid-19 waiver. Part of this is agreeing to not send your child to practice/games if they are feeling unwell, including if they exhibit any of the signs/symptoms of COVID-19 or have a positive Covid-19 test until they are allowed to return.
- Agree to supply your child with the necessary equipment, and clean/sanitize it after every session.
- At this point, there are no spectator limits; however, DESE, MIAA and/or School Committee policy could change this.
- People are responsible to cleanup their own trash and recyclable items.

Masks:

- Masks must be worn by ALL spectators, players, coaches, administrators, and officials during games and practices once you enter the school building. The mask must completely cover the mouth and nose. Vaccination status has no bearing on this rule.
- Gators or masks with vents are not permitted to be worn.
- Players can only take their mask off when they are more than six (6) feet away from other players to have a socially distanced water break.

What are we doing specific to COVID with the teams?

Each team is responsible to track player/coach attendance at each practice or game for contact tracing. We do not need to keep track of spectators; we will work through which players were there if deemed a close contact.

Game Play: Specific rules for each division are listed on the website for that division.

DESE Link: <https://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/on-desktop/2021-1026mask-requirement-extension.pdf>

IMPORTANT COVID-19 INFORMATION – IF POSITIVE TEST RESULTS

If you have tested positive for COVID-19 and you are an athlete, you will be required to be medically cleared to return to participation by your Primary Care Physician. Please note that in some cases a Return to Play protocol may be ordered by your physician BEFORE you can compete in a scheduled competition.

If you are deemed to be a close contact (in contact with COVID positive person within 48 hours of them testing positive), then you will fit into 1 of 2 scenarios:

1. NOT VACCINATED

If you are currently not vaccinated or within the vaccination process, then you will be required to follow the CDC quarantine guidelines that were in place last year. There are 3 scenarios:

- A. 7 days of strict quarantine (You can test after day 5 or later) and can return to play on Day 8
- B. 10 Days of strict quarantine (No test is necessary) and can return to play on Day 11
- C. 14 days of strict quarantine - only if you do not want to test nor monitor for symptoms and can return on Day 15

2. VACCINATED

If you are vaccinated, then you will have to notify WPRD and provide a copy of your child's COVID card (copies of COVID cards will be forwarded to the Town of Wilbraham Public Health Nurse). You will be allowed to continue participation as long as you self-monitor for symptoms for a period of 14 days.

Our vigilance with limiting out of sport activities (ie. inside pasta parties, etc..) is critical to keeping us safe and participating. As a reminder masks are REQUIRED anytime you are inside the building.