



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND FORESTRY

Flag Football Health & Safety Guidelines

The CDC Guidelines, Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Guidelines and Waukesha County Guidelines were considered for the development of this plan. Plan components are subject to change based at any time. This includes restricting or expanding guidelines for the safety of facility users. Our guidelines do not replace or supersede any protocols or restrictions outlined by state or local authorities.

HEALTH GUIDELINES

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers recommendations on how members of the public can limit the spread of the coronavirus.

- Anyone sick or show symptoms of being sick should stay home.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from non-household members.
- Cover your mouth and nose with tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Wear a cloth face covering that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and game equipment

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- Park components and equipment are not sanitized, use at your own risk.
- The recommended field capacity is 50 per field. This includes players, coaches, game officials and spectators.
- No gum, sunflower seeds, or tobacco allowed.
- No spitting.
- No shared beverages or water coolers. Park water fountains will be turned off. Players should plan on bringing an individual water bottle.

SPECTATOR SEATING & INTERACTION

- Spectators must sit on the opposite side of the fields as the player bench area. Typically seating will be spread out from end zone to end zone. A map will be provided with illustrations detailing player and spectator areas.
- 6 foot physical distancing will be required unless you are seated next to an immediate family member.
- In general, limiting the number of family members who attend games is encouraged to keep our field capacity at or below 50.
- Parents may not enter the designated player sideline. If the player needs assistance, they should come to your spectator seating location.

PLAYER BENCHES

- Teams will have access to all the space on one sideline of the football field. Each player should set up a station in this area. It is recommended as much space as possible is used between each player's station, face coverings are recommended when players and coaches cannot maintain 6 feet of distance from each other on the bench or in a huddle.

PARTICIPANT & TEAM RESPONSIBILITY

- Players should bring their own hand sanitizer. Sanitizer is not provided by the facility or league.
- Please refrain from sharing equipment, personal equipment is recommended. In the event equipment is shared, please sanitize between each use.
- No pregame or post game handshakes by players, coaches or umpires.
- Eliminate unnecessary touching during games and practices (high fives, fist bumps, handshakes, sharing personal items or food).
- For the safety of all we will not allow aggressive arguing with any game official.
- No physical contact by players, coach's or game officials at any time unless part of on-field game play.
- No post game talks on the field or the player bench/areas. Please leave the field immediately following your game.

PARTICIPANT EXPOSURE TO A POSITIVE TEST OR TESTS POSITIVE

- If a participant has symptoms of COVID-19, they should not attend the recreation program until the symptoms no longer exist.
- If a participant appears to have symptoms of COVID-19 while attending a program, staff will ask them to leave the program immediately and notify the parent to pick them up if necessary. They should not attend the recreation program until the symptoms no longer exist.
- If the participant tests positive for COVID-19, they shall not attend the program until they provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test or 14 days have passed and the participant has been fever-free for three (3) days without the use of fever-reducing medication and otherwise symptom-free of COVID-19.

NOTIFICATION PROCESS TO STAFF AND PARTICIPANTS

If a positive case has occurred within a recreation program, management will notify all program staff and program participants.

