



GREENWOOD MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL AND CLARK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WINTER SPORTS NOTICE

As cases of COVID-19 continue to be on the rise in Wisconsin, high-risk close contact sports are a concern for the continued transmission of COVID-19. Unfortunately, transmission that occurs during high-risk close contact sports does not stay within the sports team. Participants attend school, where they are in close contact with students and staff outside of their sports team, and live in the community, where they are in close contact with others (whether at home or in the public).

Below is the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) criteria for listing someone as a close contact to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 are considered to be infectious with COVID-19 two days prior to their onset of symptoms, or two days prior to their positive test date if they do not have symptoms. When determined close contacts, individuals who meet any of the following criteria during a positive cases' infectious period must quarantine for 14 days from their last date of contact to the infectious individual.

- Direct physical contact with the positive case individual (e.g., hug, kiss, handshake), regardless of the amount of time that the direct physical contact took place.
- Within 6 feet of the positive case individual for more than 15 minutes (this includes single encounters more than 15 minutes OR multiple encounters within a single day adding up to more than 15 minutes).
- Had contact with the positive case individual's respiratory secretions (e.g., coughed/sneezed on, shared a drinking glass, food, towel or other personal items).
- Lived with, or stayed overnight for at least one night, in the same household without complete separation.

Due to the nature of high-risk close contact sports, there is a strong possibility that your child will be exposed to COVID-19, and will need to quarantine for 14 days from their last date of exposure. There is also risk of continued exposure, or repeat exposure, meaning your child may have to quarantine multiple times.

If coaches and school staff members are unable to determine for certain who the close contacts are for any positive individuals while participating in a high-risk close contact sport, the entire team for that particular sport will be named as close contacts, and will have to quarantine for 14 days from their last date of exposure.