

WESO 2022 COVID 19 Response and Risk Mitigation

It is the goal of the WESO board to provide an in-person tournament while reducing the risk to all tournament attendees (Student Participants, Head Coaches, Event Supervisors and Volunteers) exposure to COVID-19. We have developed a plan based on the best current public health guidelines. It is expected that all attendees will follow local, state and federal guidelines and understand that these guidelines may change prior to the tournament.

The WESO board expects that all school teams will follow their individual school guidelines for participation in extracurricular activities while they prepare for WESO. WESO strongly encourages students participating in the WESO tournament to be vaccinated.

Covid Waiver

- All Student Participants, Head Coaches, Event Supervisors and Volunteers will be required to complete a COVID waiver in order to be granted access to the building (Pioneer High School) either on 4/22/22 (tournament set-up) and/or 4/23/22 (tournament day). This waiver must be submitted to WESO no later than one week prior to the tournament. The waiver will be available on the WESO website.

Vaccination Requirement

- All WESO board members, Event Supervisors, Head Coaches, Key Volunteers, adult and high school tournament day volunteers will be required to show proof of vaccination.

Actions to Limit Personal Exposure

- All WESO attendees (i.e., participants, coaches, event supervisors, volunteers, and tournament staff) will be required to wear a mask at all times while indoors.
- All WESO attendees will be required to wear a mask during the outdoor award ceremony and while present in the outdoor Raffle Basket tent.
- All attendees entering the building will be required to use hand sanitizer. Additional hand sanitizer will be in all event rooms.
- Participants may not wander or remain in the building after their event. Head Coaches (or another designated school representative) must ensure that students exit the building following their event or return to academic check-in if participating in back to back events.

- Events that have equipment that will be used by multiple teams will be disinfected between rounds.
- Desks and workstations will be disinfected between rounds.
- Windows and doors in classrooms will be opened if possible to allow for air flow.
- The number of individuals in a room will be restricted based on the size of the room.
- Teams will be kept a minimum of 3 feet apart during events.
- No parents, spectators or unverified individuals are allowed to enter the building at any time.
- Bathrooms can only be used by approved individuals and participants while they are in the building. Portable bathrooms will be provided outside.
- Event start times will be staggered to limit foot traffic and maximize social distancing during transitions.
- Head Coaches will be responsible for assessing Student Participants for signs/symptoms of COVID and/or recent exposure to someone with COVID prior to participating in the competition. A health screening form will be provided to Head Coaches prior to the event.

Contact Tracing

- All Head Coaches will be required to report to WESO any instances of COVID-19 positive tests within their school team (students, volunteers and themselves) within 14 days post tournament. This notification should be limited to the impacted school, event and times in which the affected individual was present.
- All WESO Board Members, Event Supervisors, Key Volunteers, and other volunteers will be required to report to WESO any instances of COVID-19 positive tests within 14 days post tournament. This notification should include any areas on the campus that they may have visited outside of their designated space while on campus.
- WESO will notify Head Coaches if any Student Participants, Event Supervisors, or relevant Volunteers test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days post tournament. This will include the event and time periods involved but not include details as to the participant involved or their school. WESO will ensure that during this notification all the rights to privacy afforded to the affected individual under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) are provided.