

thinkLAX tournaments

Safe Playing Environment, Cleaning Policies, Vendors and COVID-19 EAP

This guide is for all participants, spectators, staff, and anyone else entering a facility where thinkLAX tournaments are being held. Its goal is to reduce the likelihood of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) infections among anyone at our events! It is critical all team members adopt the best Clean Practices Immediately.

This plan will present basic information about COVID-19 and the lists the steps thinkLAX tournaments are taking to ensure that everyone remains safe!

Why can we play in Maryland? Maryland Executive Order 20-06-10-01: [CLICK HERE](#)

Basic Information about Covid-19 pertaining to child participants:

- Children worldwide account for less than 2% of all cases in the United States.
- Child to Child transmissions in indoor settings is thought be less than 1% and virtually 0% in outdoor settings.
- Children with enhanced physically activity typically lower their chances of any infections.
- Washing all clothing after leaving an event helps prevent the spread.

As a US Lacrosse Sanctioned Event:

1. COVID-19 HYGIENE/ DISTANCING
 - a. Fabric face coverings for all staff, medical, and spectators must be worn and enforced while on-site.
 - b. Players must wear fabric face coverings to and from the playing fields. These face covering are not required during play.
 - c. Staff should be pre-screened and cleared before reporting to work event.
 - d. All individuals at event should maintain a social/physical distance of at least six feet from one another and will be enforced.
2. COVID-19 FACILITY / VENUE GUIDANCE
 - a. All events must meet state/local requirements for operating a lacrosse event during the respective community stage for re-opening due to COVID-19, and this must be verified by operator and USL prior to event
 - b. Event Operator and USL will review and asses COVID-19 cases from state of departments of health websites for any region where teams or participants may be traveling in from and from the location the event is occurring to ensure that there is no spike in community spread or hotspot for COVID-19 during the event.
 - c. All Events must have a COVID-19 Action Plan and Amended EAP provided and approved by US Lacrosse in advance of the event and posted on the event website prior to the event occurring, and available on site at event.
 - d. Sanitation stations must be plentiful and regularly cleaned throughout the venue, and high-touch/ mass gathering areas must be eliminated at event and will be enforced.
 - e. These policies should be posted on the website, and posted at entrance of the event venue and throughout the venue, along with guidance that if these rules are not adhered to, the event staff will ask guest to address issue immediately and will ask non-compliant participants to leave the event.

REFERENCES: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/pediatric-hcp.html>
<https://www.advisory.com/daily-briefing/2020/05/26/children-transmission>

*****The most at risk population are the NON-ATHLETES- please follow the plan below*****

PLAN GOALS:

- Zero COVID-19 transmissions at our events.
- 100% stakeholder participation

STEPS TO ENSURE OUR GOALS:

- All participants must read our Safe Return Policy (Follow everything outlined there as well!)
 - [SAFE RETURN POLICY](#)
- All participants need to supply additional sanitizer and their own water throughout the day.
- No team coolers are permitted!
- Anyone (Participants, Spectator (1 per player), Coach, Officials, Staff, Club Directors, Vendors, Athletic Trainers, etc.) entering our facility must turn in their completed symptom checker (**within 24 hours of entering the facility**) and additional signed Covid-19 waiver. **NO ONE WILL BE PERMITTED FROM ENTERING WITHOUT COMPLETING THIS FORM!**
 - [WAIVER LINK FORM](#)
- Anyone with underlying medical conditions are considered high-risk for severe illness and are **encouraged not to participate**. These underlying conditions include:
 - Individuals 65 years of age and older
 - Chronic lung disease
 - Moderate to severe asthma
 - Serious heart conditions
 - Compromised immune systems
 - Diabetes
 - Chronic kidney disease
 - Liver disease
- Participants will enter the facility, park and make their way to the COVID-19 WAIVER TENT, they will be required to drop 1 waiver per person into the box after flashing it to the attendant to verify all parts are signed and completed. We will not be creating a line at the COVID-19 tents (there are 3 set up for Impulse Lax Festival). **NO ONE IS PERMITTED TO PASS THE TENT WITHOUT THE WAIVER!**
- **Refusal to complete the screening will result in denial of entry!**
- **Directions on drop off sites for Waiver: [CLICK HERE](#)**
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING AND 1 SPECTATOR WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED**
 - There will be signs out for social distancing, please obey all signs and social distance
 - If you are worried about the commute – please drive with any families you have been in close contact with already with your club practices or family gatherings. 2 players = 2 spectators!
- All spectators must wear a mask at all times – if you need to remove your mask for any reason:
 - Please move to an isolated area and remove your mask
 - Place mask back on when you are headed back from isolated area!
- Anyone reporting symptoms will be directed to medical care at the local facility.
- Follow any and all social distancing rules when viewing the spread-out vendors!

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FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS:

- Signage will be placed throughout the location to ensure social distancing.
- There will be 6 foot-pump hand sanitizing stations located throughout the facility! Please use one person at a time and wait 6 feet behind each person while waiting to use.
- There will be hand sanitizer in every restroom.
- There will be hand-washing stations near all the restrooms.
 - Please use these one at a time.
 - Please discard your paper towels into the garbage can next to the handwashing station.
- There will be indoor facilities available to use:
 - Please spray down the area you used with the disinfectant before you leave.
 - Please put all your garbage into the trash.
 - Avoid contact with any additional surfaces while using indoor facilities.

STAFFING:

- All staff will wear protective equipment, including masks and gloves as directed.
- All staff will complete their 24-hour symptom check and waiver each day of work
- All staff will have temperature taken before permitted to work. (non-contact)

STAFF HYGIENE:

- Wash your hands with soap and water repeatedly throughout the day for the time it takes to sing Happy Birthday twice.
- Sanitize your hands frequently at the sanitizing station or after touching another surface.
- Maintain social distancing, stay 6 feet away from your coworkers at all times.
- Use your forearm, knuckles, or elbows to open doors.
- Do not shake anyone's hands at the event.
- Cough or sneeze into tissues, if not available, sneeze into your elbow.
- Wash your clothing when you get home if you cough or sneeze into your elbow.

CLEANING PROCEDURES:

- Use the appropriate cleaning or disinfectant or Bleach Solution effective for disinfections up to 24 hours or alcohol solutions with at least 70% v/v)
- Trash removal (please minimize bringing anything that needs to be thrown away – please bring a personal water bottle(s))
 - Wear a disposable mask that is changed after trash clean-up.
 - Wear disposable gloves, using proper technique for removal when finished.
 - Dispose of PPE and wash your hands immediately upon completion.
- Cleaning before each game and at halftime includes:
 - Wiping down the game ball
 - Cleaning of the table with wipes
 - Any other touched surfaces
- Restrooms

- Sprayed and wiped frequently with disinfectant
- Spray all surfaces (asking participants to use available spray as well)

VENDORS

- All vendors are to following the following protocols:
 - Have clearing marked social distancing signage.
 - No items can be located inside a tent (you may have a tent – but your items must remain outside of it – unless it is your stock items)
 - One guest at time – all others must remain in the socially distanced marked signs
 - All vendors must wear masks at all times customers are present!
- Cleaning Requirements
 - Spray and wipe with increased frequency
 - Tables and chairs (if applicable)
 - Counters and Displays
 - Registers and card readers
 - Glass
 - Hangers (after each use)

COVID – 19 – Emergency Action Plan

Our Director of Health and Safety for our Maryland Events is David Hayes. He has developed a comprehensive plan should someone at the event be expected of having COVID-19.

thinkLAX is dedicated to providing a safe environment for lacrosse events during the Summer of 2020. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this environment will be dramatically different from past events. While some measures may seem extreme, it's a small price to pay for a safe and friendly environment.

At thinkLAX, we understand the importance and benefits that lacrosse provides. Not only does it provide physical activity benefits, there are also great psychological and emotional aspects which is critical during this hard time. It is especially beneficial for the athletes who lost a lacrosse season due to the closings of the facilities and state regulations.

We have outlined measures to provide a safe environment. All the regulations abide CDC, state, and local guidelines. thinkLAX will continue to closely monitor for changes in guidelines and rapidly adapt and provide updates to all families and participants. We are thankful for this opportunity during these tough times and are looking forward to providing and fun and safe event.

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GUIDANCE FOR WHEN SOMEONE GETS SICK / TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 – AT OR AFTER EVENT (From CDC)

- Advise sick individuals of home isolation criteria
- Sick coaches, staff members, umpires/officials, or players should not return to event until they have met CDC's criteria to discontinue home isolation.
- If someone becomes ill at the event and COVID-19 is suspected they will be transported to the ISOLATION TENT LOCATED NEAR THE ON SITE PARAMEDICS AND AMBULANCE. (This tent will be stocked with all the necessary medical supplies and will not be used for anything but an isolation tent throughout the entire event weekend).
- We will immediately separate coaches, staff, officials, and players with COVID-19 symptoms (i.e., fever, cough, shortness of breath) at any time during our event they will go to the ISOLATION TENT.
- Individuals who are sick should go home or to a healthcare facility, depending on how severe their symptoms are, and follow CDC guidance for caring for oneself and others who are sick. Individuals who have had close contact with a person who has symptoms should be separated and sent home as well and follow CDC guidance for community-related exposure (see "Notify Health Officials and Close Contacts" below).
- If symptoms develop, individuals and families should follow CDC guidance for caring for oneself and others who are sick.
- If someone becomes ill – and incapacitated - they will be transported by the paramedics on site to the closest medical facility or home if necessary. The paramedics will try to call first to alert them that the person may have COVID-19.
- Clean and disinfect all equipment and surfaces that was in contact with the possible COVID-19 case.
- Close off areas used by a sick person and do not use these areas until after cleaning and disinfecting them (for outdoor areas, this includes surfaces or shared objects in the area, if applicable). Wait at least 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting. If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible. Ensure safe and correct use and storage of cleaning and disinfection products, including storing them securely away from children.
- We will notify Wicomico county health officials and close contacts
- In accordance with state and local privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations, thinkLAX tournaments will notify local health officials, youth sports program staff, umpires/officials, and families immediately of any case of COVID-19 while maintaining confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) external icon and other applicable laws and regulations.
- We have discussed all planning with Wicomico County on 7/2/20 at 12:45 PM to develop a reporting system used by thinkLAX to notify health officials and close contacts of cases of COVID-19.

Advise those who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home and self-monitor for symptoms, to follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop, and consider contacting their healthcare provider.