

Basketball COVID Testing Required (DOH, WIAA)

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Screening Testing Requirements for K-12 Athletics

To ensure safe participation in athletics, schools **must institute screening testing protocols** for athletes, coaches, trainers, and other personnel who work with athletes who are not fully vaccinated participating in high-contact indoor sports. ([Pg. 17 of DOH Guidance](#))

"Screening testing is required for all unvaccinated athletes in [high-risk indoor sports](#) (basketball, wrestling, water polo, and indoor cheer)." Testing is NOT Required for High Contact Outdoor Sports at this time!

High Contact Indoor Sports

Basketball

Wrestling

Soccer

Ice Hockey

DOH provides this table for testing frequency:

Sport (contact)	Venue	Test frequency	Test type
High	Indoor and outdoor	Twice weekly	Molecular/antigen
Moderate	Outdoor	Once weekly	Molecular/antigen
Moderate	Indoor	Twice weekly	Molecular/antigen

A rapid antigen test must be performed on all unvaccinated athletes the day of competition.

The **WIAA has provided this list of examples:**

- If I have three games in a week on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, I am only testing on those three days.
- If I have a contest on Tuesday and Saturday, I am only testing on those days.
- If I have only one contest during the week on Thursday, I am testing on Monday and that Thursday to be compliant.

Schools may consider screening testing for unvaccinated students participating in other co-curricular or extracurricular activities, such as those that generate aerosols, including singing and some music.

Many schools will be screening the entire team whether players are vaccinated or unvaccinated, but this is each school's choice.

Spectator Masking Requirements

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Masking is required **universally for all spectators** attending **indoor K-12 sporting activities**, regardless of vaccination status. **Audience** members should be seated in "family units" and those small groups should be spaced at least 6 feet apart.

Masking is required outdoors for all spectators if there are 500 or more people present at the event.