

Dear Friends,

Our World Baseball Academy leadership team has been closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation from the very beginning as it pertains to youth sports programming, venues and the event planning industry. Guidance from the Federal, State, and Local level have aided in our decision making. On February 24, 2021 Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb updated the Executive Order (E.O.) for the State of Indiana. The Executive Order (E.O.) continues to set forth the state guidance by which our leadership is adhering to for safety purposes. Our purpose at World Baseball Academy is to allow our community to utilize this beautiful outdoor campus in a safe and measured way. The information attached is subject to change and strict adherence is expected by our ASH Centre patrons. This document will be continually updated as clarifying information is provided by the federal, state and local officials.

Like so many Hoosiers, we are excited to see sports continue to thrive in our communities. However, the health and safety of our players and visitors will remain our top priority. Let us continue together in the motto of **#INthisTogether!**

Sincerely,

Caleb B. Kimmel

CEO of World Baseball Academy

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2021 COVID-19 Response Plan

World Baseball Academy |



<u>E.O. #21-02</u> February 2021	<u>E.O. - Continuation</u> March 2021	April 2021	May 2021
Status of WBA Programs	Status of WBA Programs		
1-on-1 Instruction: Open	1-on-1 Instruction: Open		
Group Training: Less than 25 per group	Group Training: Indoors: Less than 25 per group Outdoors: 50% Capacity for Spectators		
Ballfield Rentals: Closed for offseason	Ballfield Rentals: 50% Capacity for Spectators		
Tournaments: Closed for offseason	Tournaments: 50% Capacity for Spectators		
International Trips: Shut Down	International Trips: Shut Down		
Internship Program: Open	Internship Program: Open		
Volunteerism: Limited	Volunteerism: Limited		
<i>No Game Play - Offseason</i>	<i>Game Play – Open</i> <i>Outdoor Facility Plan approved by Allen County Board of Health</i>		
	50% Capacity per defined space (Event Restrictions)		
Individuals 65 & older and those with high-risk medical conditions are encouraged to <u>avoid</u> coming to the ASH Centre and WBA Programs WBA asks all spectators to adhere to E.O. #21-02 as it pertains to the wearing of masks. WBA is asking parents to drop off their students five minutes prior to the start of their program and to wait for their students in their vehicles to reduce the number of people inside the ASH Centre building.	Individuals 65 & older and those with high-risk medical conditions are encouraged to <u>avoid</u> coming to the ASH Centre and WBA Programs WBA asks all spectators to adhere to E.O. #21-02 as it pertains to the wearing of masks. WBA visitors must follow CDC social distancing guidelines in order to be onsite with 50% or less capacity per designated areas. Please avoid close contact with those near you.		

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**ALLEN COUNTY,
INDIANA**

CURRENT STATUS:

YELLOW (1.5)
50% Capacity for Events

Advisory Level

Advisory level refers to the current guidelines the county must follow. A county must remain at a lower Weekly Two-Metric Score for two consecutive weeks to move down to a lower advisory level.

Weekly 2-Metric Score

- Blue (0 and .5)
- Yellow (1 and 1.5)
- Orange (2 and 2.5)
- Red (3)

Weekly Cases Per 100,000 Residents

- Less Than 10 new cases(0)
- 10 to 99 new cases(1)
- 100 to 199 new cases(2)
- 200 or more(3)

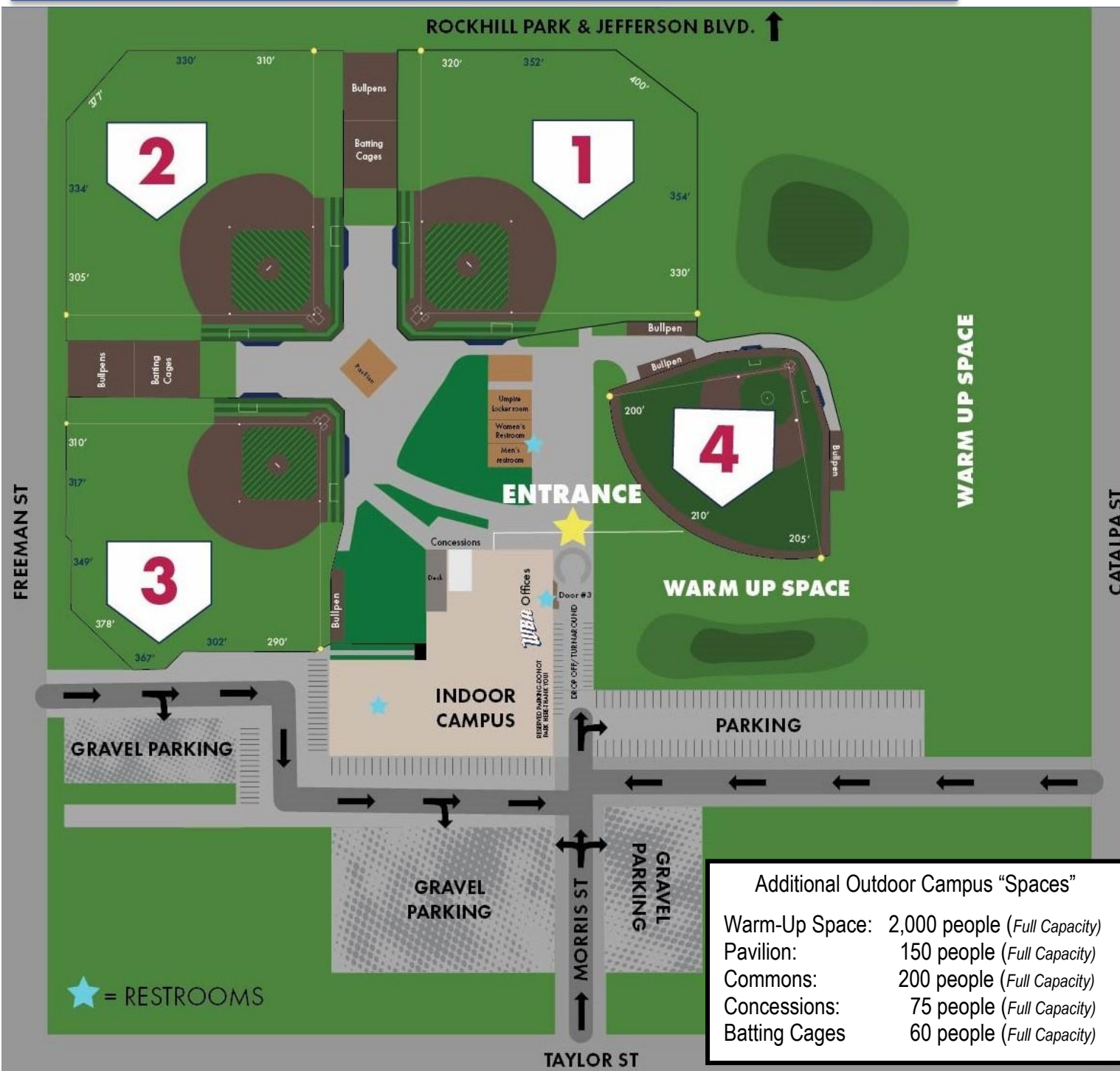
7-Day All Tests Positivity Rate

- Less than 5% (0)
- 5% to 9.9% (1)
- 10% to 14.9% (2)
- 15% or greater (3)

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OUTDOOR CAMPUS - CAPACITY



Field Assignments

Capacity Metrics

- 100% = 500 people
- 75% = 375 people
- 50% = 250 people
- 25% = 125 people

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- 100% = 450 people
- 75% = 337 people
- 50% = 225 people
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Additional Outdoor Campus "Spaces"

Warm-Up Space:	2,000 people (Full Capacity)
Pavilion:	150 people (Full Capacity)
Commons:	200 people (Full Capacity)
Concessions:	75 people (Full Capacity)
Batting Cages	60 people (Full Capacity)



2021 Outdoor Campus: COVID-19 PLAN

Outdoor Campus

As of February 23, 2021

World Baseball Academy is a 501c3 nonprofit that owns and operates the ASH Centre sports complex. This document pertains to the reopening plan for the ASH Centre Outdoor Campus.

Specific Timeline

Based on compliance with the Executive Order provided by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb

- Executive Order Compliance: Ongoing

WBA Programs

WBA will be hosting events and programs at the ASH Centre Outdoor Campus to include:

- Hoosier Classic Tournaments | Sanctioned Tournaments
- Rentals | Instruction & Camps | Internships

WBA Staff will be trained on social distancing, sanitation, and cleaning of hands for each of these events and programs.



Property Zones - Outdoors

- Zone 1: Inside the Gates (Ballfields, Pavilion, Concessions, Common Areas)
 - Limitations based on capacity guidelines provided by Executive Orders issued by State of Indiana
 - Red = 25% | Orange = 25% | Yellow = 50% | Blue = 100%
- Zone 2: Outside the Gates (Warm-Up Area / Parking Lots)
 - Limitations based on capacity guidelines provided by Executive Orders issued by State of Indiana
 - Red = 25% | Orange = 25% | Yellow = 50% | Blue = 100%

Event Attendance Limitations

- Limitations based on capacity guidelines provided by Executive Orders issued by State of Indiana
 - Red = 25% | Orange = 25% | Yellow = 50% | Blue = 100%

Event Scheduling

- WBA staff will be adding additional minutes in between games to help minimize the number of people inside the gates at any given time.

Inclement Weather

- If inclement weather occurs, WBA strongly urges fans to go to their vehicles.
- If severe weather occurs (i.e. tornado warning) the use of the indoor building as a place of shelter can be used for emergency purposes only.

2021 Outdoor Campus: COVID-19 PLAN - *continued*

Admissions / Staff Protocol

- Tournament events will include an admission table
 - Social distancing line will be required to purchase pass at admission table
 - Tournament staff is strongly encouraging spectators to bring cash and proper change for admission purchases.
- Tournament Admission staff will be wearing mask. Tournament staff is **REQUIRED** to wear a mask **UNLESS** six (6) feet of social distancing is maintained. (Executive Order 21-02)
- Staff will be required to self-report any personal health concerns resembling COVID-19 symptoms to the Tournament Director and should stay home.
- Sanitization Station(s): If supplies allow, WBA will have a hand sanitizing station upon entering the gates that includes social distancing.

Entrance Protocol

- When Eligible: Teams may enter the Gate instructed by WBA Staff member
 - Red / Orange Level – Teams will be required to stay in Warm-Up Area until WBA Staff approves their entry
 - Yellow / Blue Level – Teams may enter at their convenience but encouraged to utilize commons area and batting cages for social distancing when waiting for their game time.
- Spectators: We encourage all spectators to wait in their vehicles until 15 minutes prior to the start of their team's game.
- If a staff member, participant, and/or spectator arrives ill or displaying symptoms of COVID-19, they will be sent home.
 - *Note: The Entrance Gate is wide enough to accommodate both an Entry and Exit as two separate lanes.*

Pre-Game Protocol

- Tournament Director will host individual coaches meeting prior to first game that includes social distancing
- If possible, plate meetings should be eliminated. If needed, plate meetings should only consist of one coach from each team, director, and game umpires with social distancing
- All participants are encouraged to wear a cloth face covering

Live Game Protocol

- Umpire positioning will return to normal (unless state requirements change)
- Baseballs that leave the field of play should be returned to a site director. Coaches should adhere to baseball sanitization protocol listed in each dugout
- Portable bleachers will be removed while the use of permanent bleachers is discouraged but not prohibited
- Hand Sanitizer will be available in each dugout
- Dugouts can be extended by using bullpens if desired by teams for social distancing

Post-Game Protocol

- No line-up or handshakes
- No post-game team meeting until teams are outside the gates
 - There is plenty of "green space" for teams to gather outside of the gates
- No co-mingling of teams
- Dugout benches will be sanitized after each game.

Increased Signage

- Healthy hygiene signage posted in restrooms
- Social distancing and mask requirement signage posted in prominent areas
- Entrance signage with reminders on the importance of personal responsibility in our effort to socially distance



2021 Outdoor Campus: COVID-19 PLAN - *continued*

Restroom Protocols

- Main Restrooms have been upgraded to include:
 - Touchless Towel Dispenser with two (2) per restroom
 - Touchless Facets installed upon arrival of equipment
 - Hand Soap Dispensers with two (2) per restroom
 - Open Door plan that includes privacy curtain to eliminate door handle contact point
- Additional Restroom accessibility will be made available – if needed
- Increased cleaning protocol and routine sanitizations of restroom facilities and commonly touch objects such as sinks, handles, and seats.
- Prevention signage posted in key areas to encourage patrons, tenants, and staff to take an active role in performing “healthy habits”, including proper hand washing, covering coughs or sneezes with a tissue or upper sleeve, and avoiding touching mouth, nose or eyes with unwashed hands.

Umpire Locker Room

- Providing umpires a space that includes access to a sink
- Soap / Hand towel dispenser available
- Umpire changing and lingering in this space is discouraged

Concessions

- Providing a limited menu option
- Two staff minimum requirement
 - One Staff member – Financial Transactions
 - One Staff Member – Food Preparation and Handout
 - Concession staff will wear gloves and masks

Isolation Area

- Any individual who develops COVID-19 type of symptoms will be required to:
 - Move to Isolation Area (located near front entrance gate safely distanced from general public)
 - Immediately seek offsite medical care
- Tournament staff will communicate situation to all head coaches

Event Communication

- Tournament Communication
 - Pre-Arrival:
 - COVID-19 Outdoor Plan + Tournament Packet + Map + Confirmation of Understanding
 - Collection of Coach’s Contact information and access to Player Rosters in case there is a need for contact tracing efforts.
 - Arrival & Pre-Game
 - Tournament Director Briefing
 - Reminders on social distancing and safety expectations
 - Post-Game
 - Reminders on each team and fans needing to promptly exit thru gate





TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES | ACTION PLAN

World Baseball Academy is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that owns and operates the ASH Centre Sports Facility and the Hoosier Classic Baseball Tournaments. The reopening plan for our ASH Centre campus will rely on everyone working together to create a fun, safe environment for our young people to return to youth sports. World Baseball Academy will be requiring coaches, parents, and players to partner with us in the following action items:



EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Be kind, respectful, and compliant with implementing the following best practices for COVID-19 safety.

- Fever, Coughing, shortness of breath or any additional COVID-19 symptom must stay home
- Social distancing at all times possible
- Wash / Sanitize hands on a regular basis | Provide your own hand sanitizer for personal use
- Clean your area / dugouts before you leave
- No touch rule --- no high fives / no handshakes
- Avoid spitting / No Seeds / No gum

COACH - SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY

- **Use your leadership and influence to help reinforce and implement the following best practices for COVID-19 safety.**
 - Conduct daily symptom assessments of players and coaches. Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
 - Reduce / Eliminate shared equipment
 - No team water coolers
 - Avoid team huddles in close proximity | Be respectful on when to enter and exit the facility
 - Coaches are **REQUIRED** to wear a mask UNLESS six (6) feet of social distancing is maintained. (Executive Order 21-02)

PLAYER - SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY

- **Use wise decision making to minimize the spread of germs**
 - No touching of hands to mouth while on the field of play
 - Players are **REQUIRED** to wear protective masks when NOT on the field unless six feet of social distancing is maintained (Executive Order 21-02)
 - Listen, pay attention and be respectful of facility rules | Be respectful on when to enter and exit the facility

SPECTATOR - SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY

- **Use your leadership and influence to help reinforce and implement the following best practices for COVID-19 safety.**
 - Bring your own chair
 - Bring proper rain gear to avoid close congregating of people under a pavilion
 - Be respectful on when to enter and exit the facility
 - Spectators are **REQUIRED** to wear a mask at all times UNLESS six feet of social distancing is maintained (Executive Order 21-02)

Please Note: If supplies are readily available, WBA will provide a hand sanitization station on campus for event patrons.

Outdoor Campus COVID-19 Signage

COVID 19
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

Signage in Restrooms

COVID-19 WARNING

We have taken enhanced health and safety measures - for you, our other guests, and staff. You must follow all posted instructions while visiting The ASH Centre.

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable.

By visiting The ASH Centre, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

Help keep each other healthy and safe.

Signage at Gate

WBA

FOR YOUR SAFETY

PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

STAY SIX FEET APART FROM OTHERS

Reduce your risk of COVID-19 infection.
For more info go to cdc.gov/coronavirus

Signage in Various Areas

WBA

Please wash hands for 20 seconds with soap before exiting.
Thank you for helping protect each other!

Signage in Restrooms

WELCOME!

COVID-19 SAFETY

We are asking ALL patrons to partner with us in creating a safe environment.

- Wash hands
- Practice social distancing
- No spitting / seeds / gum
- Wear face coverings
- Bring your own chair
- Follow entry & exit rules
- Bring your own hand sanitizer

STOP! DO NOT ENTER IF YOU HAVE:

- Fever, coughing, or shortness of breath
- Known exposure to someone diagnosed with COVID-19
- Pre-existing conditions

Signage at Gate