

COVID-19 SAFETY UPDATE – November 2021 Friendship Tournament

In the world of Covid -19 we want to make sure we are doing all we can to make sure YOU (the player on the field), our referees, and our onsite staff stay as healthy as possible while at our tournaments.

We will be requiring each player submit proof of vaccination, a negative PCR or antigen Covid-19 test, **OR** negative rapid home test (see specifics below) prior to being allowed to play.

This will be our 5th event since the pandemic started and all the previous precautions of the past have allowed us to hold these events without any outbreaks and we are looking to keep that tradition alive. Though we do not know what the local government will require at the time of the event in terms of masks, spectators, and overall state mandated guidelines we will be requiring proof of vaccine or negative test for every player attending. All onsite staff (including referees) prior to the event regardless of vaccination status will be required to provide proof of negative covid tests.

Locally it has become the standard to provide a vaccination card or proof of negative test for all large local events. You can't attend a Raiders game, Life is Beautiful, iHeartRadio, (along with many more shows, restaurants, clubs) without doing the same, so, for the November event we are requiring the same.

There will be no exceptions to this rule for any reason. We want all of our players to come to our tournament and feel safe on the field. Health safety is very important to us and the best way for us to look out for all our attendees and staff is to require this. Please see below for the specifics.

Vaccinated..... this section is for you

What brand vaccinations are accepted?

The brand of your vaccination is not an issue if you can provide the medical vaccination card.

How do I present my vaccination card?

- You can upload a copy of your card to the roster when you register yourself. It is not mandatory to do it this way, it is just a way to make it faster for the check in process. Your vaccination card has no medical info on it, just the batch number of the vaccination you took.
- If you already added yourself to the roster prior to the card option being added you will get an email with a special link to upload it starting the week of October 15th.
- You can show us the card in person on Friday at check in (12pm-7pm), ID will be required as well.
 - In person verification will need to be done on Friday at check in, to save time upload it prior to the event. We expect this line to be long on Friday.
 - If you uploaded your card to the roster, you do not need to present it at check in.
- Do I need I need to carry the original card with me?
 - No, if you have a clear **printed** copy of the card with you and your ID you will be fine.

- You do not need the card on you if you already uploaded it to the roster.

I have received my first COVID-19 vaccination dose, will my first dose vaccination card be accepted at entry?

Proof of full vaccination requires the last vaccination dose to be administered at least two weeks prior to the event date. If your dose is from a vaccine series that requires two doses, full vaccination status requirement would be met only 14 days after the second dose. For those guests who have only received the first of two doses, proof of a negative COVID-19 test will be required and taken within 48 hours prior to November 5th.

NOT VACCINATED.... This section is for you!

You will be required to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test prior to being pick up your player credentials.

The COVID-19 diagnostic test must be taken within 48-hours prior to checking in. Point of care or home collection diagnostic tests will be accepted - please be sure to bring digital or printed proof of your negative test result, dated and time-stamped. Home collection test results will only be accepted if the maker of the test provides a link to dated and time-stamped test results. Those using a negative test for entry will not need to get subsequent tests to attend both days. Home test kits such as BinaxNow or QuickVue will not be accepted as they do not provide a date/time stamped result.

All CVS, Walgreens, and more are providing testing for free. Go to your pharmacy online (CVS/Walgreens) and schedule your appointment. From experience, we know these pharmacies are booking appointments all day every day. Here in Las Vegas where the positive rates have skyrocketed over the summer most appointments are not same day. We recommend you start looking for an appointment the week prior and schedule it for Wednesday or Thursday before the event. The test is easy, it takes 30 seconds to self-swab your nostrils and you put the sample in the plastic bag and the pharmacist handles it from there. The swabbing is easy and painless. Most people dig their finger further up their nose for boogers than is required to see if you have COVID-19.

Do you require a specific type of COVID-19 diagnostic test?

We recommend proof of either a negative PCR or antigen COVID-19 diagnostic test.

What kind of COVID-19 test is considered a diagnostic test?

A PCR or antigen COVID-19 test will be accepted – please be sure to bring **printed** proof of your negative test result, dated and time-stamped. To find a testing site near you, [click here](#). If the link does not work, you can copy and paste this website (department of Health and Human services) into your browser....

<https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html>

You must test PRIOR to coming to the event. We WILL NOT have extra tests onsite for purchase. We are not supplying them for free. We will NOT be allowing at home “take in front of us” tests. You are an adult take responsibility for yourself and get it done before you come.

How soon to the event date should I take a COVID-19 diagnostic test?

We are requiring the test to be taken within 48 hours prior to the event date (November 5th).

QUESTIONS, AND ANSWERS.....

I am ineligible for vaccination due to underlying health conditions, religious reasons, or whatever the case, am I unable to play in this tournament?

You **will not** be allowed to play in this event **without proof of a negative COVID-19 test**. Your reasons for not getting vaccinated are yours and we don't need to know why. If you want to play you need to take the test and prove to us, you don't have cooties.

How do I present proof of my negative COVID-19 test to get my player credentials?

Players that are presenting proof of negative tests must do so onsite at check in. We WILL NOT have a way for you to submit this info electronically in the 48 hours prior to the tournament. There are too many things that happen in the 48 hours before the event this will need to be done in person, on site only. The player will have to do this themselves; nobody can do this for you. See below for how to check in with proof of your negative test.

Proof of vaccination may be an original vaccine card, a physical copy of such card, a photo of your card or an official digital health record via state or third-party app.

Team Check In

Check in for this event will be different because of all of this....

- Team manager can check in the entire team and pick up the wristbands for all ONLY if the entire team has uploaded proof of vaccination to the roster.
 - If all players are not vaccinated, then the team manager will only be able to pick up the packet with the credentials for those that are and previously provided proof.
- Players that need to show proof of negative covid test will need to check in, in person on their own. Nobody can do this for them. The player must have a printed copy of negative test (see specifics above) and ID ready. Once it has been verified credentials will be handed to them.
- Check in location
 - James Regional Sports Park
 - Friday 12pm – 7pm

- Saturday 8am-1pm (only open to teams/players who's first game start AFTER 10am). Must check in 90 minutes prior to game start. Players arriving to check in under 90 minutes before first game will not be guaranteed they will get credentials to play prior to start of the game. We anticipate a long line and will not send you to the front of the line because your game is about to start. You will only be guaranteed to get them if you arrive 90 minutes prior. Get there early!

Will at home COVID-19 tests be accepted?

Point of care or home collection diagnostic tests will be accepted - please be sure to bring digital or printed proof of your negative test result, dated and time-stamped. Home collection test results will only be accepted if the maker of the test provides a link to dated and time-stamped test results. Those using a negative test for entry will not need to get subsequent tests to attend throughout the weekend. Home test kits such as BinaxNow or QuickVue will not be accepted as they do not provide a date/time stamped result.

What if I am arriving to Las Vegas after the 7pm check in deadline?

For players that need to provide in person proof of negative Covid-19 test they will be able to check in on Saturday morning prior to the start of their first game.

- Player must arrive to tournament tents a minimum of 90 minutes PRIOR to the start of their game.
 - If your game is at 10am that means you must be IN LINE no later than 8:30am to be guaranteed to get your verification and player credentials in time to play the start of that game.
 - We have no idea how many people to expect to verify. We know we will have about 2,000 attendees. Assuming half of them will need to be verified that means we will need to check 1,000 people! We DO NOT have the resources to check everyone on Saturday. We are fully expecting to have long lines to do this. We had long lines last year in the freezing cold to just be able (players and spectators) to walk into the fields. It was a slow process. At least this year we are only needing to screen players (subject to change based on local directives).
 - If your game starts before 10am you need to be checked in on Friday!

From experience, we had to take a rapid test to get into a private concert recently, the results take about 15 minutes per person. With a staff of 12 (Live Nation employees) it still took us about 45 minutes to wait in line, pay for our last-minute tests (which was required along with vaccination), to pass this station and enter. OUR tournament does not have staff like this or the time and or space to do this.

Will I have to wear a mask?

In the state of NV we are currently mask mandated for all indoor activities. Whatever the mandate is at the time we will be enforcing it. As we know we will real time update here.

Our staff will be masked up as we are interacting with a few thousand people, and we are keeping it as safe as possible. If you would like to be masked up, then you should do that too. To each is own unless the state tells us we need to enforce otherwise.

It is up to you if you want to wear a mask on the field. This will not take the place of providing proof of Negative covid test or vaccination card.

Does the team manager need to provide negative test?

If you are on the roster as a player, yes. Anyone listed as a player must show proof above.

Do the spectators have to prove proof of negative test?

Currently there is no requirement for spectators for anything. If local guidelines change it will be updated here.

Any changes that need to be made to the guidelines above based on local directives will be made as we know them. This document will be updated with current info as we know it, at all times. Please see the footer of this to see the last update. If locally there are no further precautions we need to implement then no changes will be made.