



PWYBA Families,

We hope this message finds you all healthy and well. As PWYBA prepares for our winter programming and clinics that are held in the Central Middle School dome facility, we want to update you on Covid related guidelines that we will need to follow in order to keep our access to the Dome. As a reminder the dome is run by Community Education which is a division of the Wayzata Public Schools. They have certain requirements that they have developed to keep their facilities as safe as possible. You will notice these requirements are becoming consistent among other indoor sports facilities and school facilities and should not come as a surprise.

Some things to familiarize yourself with as you register for PWYBA winter clinics and open dome passes:

To start with, as you enter the dome, Community Education will have a Face-Scanning iPad that takes the temperature of the person entering. Each person will need to go through this. This is similar to what kids entering school each day go through. Our understanding is that if a person's temperature is below 100.4 the iPad flashes green and they can enter. If the temperature is greater than 100.4 it will flash red and they cannot enter that day. You will also need a mask to enter.

Next, we will need to track attendance in the dome. This is for multiple reasons; we need to know who is in the dome in the event someone tests positive for Covid and we need to trace exposure and Community Ed also has some capacity numbers they want us to follow. We have no issues with the capacity numbers for our winter clinics, but as we get later in the dome season (especially as we get closer to tryouts) and Open Dome becomes busier, we may have to communicate some restrictions on attendance. To track attendance, we are creating a QR code that will be located in the dome at our Dome Attendants table (and also shown below). The player or parent can scan the code with their phone and a form will pop up on their device allowing them to enter their name. We can provide this QR code so parents can print one out and have it in their car and will have it on our website as well. If a player does not have a device, the Dome attendant can scan the code and type the player's name in for them. Anyone who comes to open dome who has not purchased an open dome pass will be turned away or charged a daily session fee.



Other key guidelines to note:

- Players should wear masks into and out of the facility, but can take them down during activities (unless they wish to leave them on)
- Parents do not enter the dome if players are in 6th grade or higher (middle school), unless needed. (see note below on open dome)
- Parents entering the dome should also wear masks and should be limited to one parent per player
- Instructors wear masks whenever they cannot social distance from players
- Parents of younger children are expected to only be in the dome for a brief time at drop-off or pick-up
- Players should arrive no more than 10 minutes prior to their scheduled clinic
- Players use their own equipment
- Players should stay home if they show any signs of illness or your family has any symptoms
- Players waiting on a Covid test should not attend dome events while they are awaiting test results or fulfilling quarantine

Community Ed is also highlighting the following information:

- Multiple hand sanitization stations will be available
- Dome doors and benches will be sanitized hourly
- Restrooms will be cleaned multiple times during the day
- Fresh air is continuously pumped into the dome
- The dome is a large facility and offers a lot of space that should allow for social distancing

As it relates to Open Dome time, we understand that parents have become accustomed to entering the dome and working with their player (of all ages) during open dome. We believe this is still acceptable as long as capacity rules allow. Any parent expecting to stay in the dome to work with kids would also need to pass the temperature check, scan the QR code to record their attendance and to follow best practices like an instructor would (wear a mask when not able to socially distance). We ask that you are efficient with your time and that you avoid standing for extended periods and socializing with other parents/kids. If we approach maximum capacity numbers, parents will be the first to be asked to vacate the dome.

Community Ed staffs the dome, but their people are for maintenance. We employ our own dome attendants for PWYBA events. They are generally high school kids. Their jobs will be tougher this year with more to track and keep an eye on. Please be respectful of them and if they request something of you, please understand they are doing their job and trying to follow policy that will keep PWYBA in good standing with Community Ed. Our ability to use the dome depends on parents and players following these rules and not putting us in a bad position.

If for some reason the dome is closed for extended periods. We will work on a fair and equitable refund policy once we know the extent of the closure and what programs are impacted.

We are thankful that we have a great offseason facility to use for winter baseball work. Our ability to run baseball programs and offer this to our Association depends on all of us pitching in to help keep us on track. Lastly, if you are at all uncomfortable with any of the policies that Community Ed or PWYBA will be following in the dome, please do what is best for you and your family. These programs are purely optional and intended to provide off season training and development as well as some fun centered around baseball. We thank you for considering PWYBA programs and look forward to a great winter dome season!

Sincerely,
Ryan Boutwell, PWYBA Board President