

COVID-19 is classified as a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is known to be highly contagious. Consequently, it is important to understand that any contact with other people carries with it some risk of getting or spreading the disease. Individuals participating or attending JGSA/Dragon Select activities should determine for themselves whether they are comfortable assuming such risk.

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Now that COVID-19 vaccines are widely available, JGSA takes this opportunity to update its COVID-19 protocols. JGSA encourages eligible individuals to get vaccinated in an effort to reduce the spread of the disease.

Per guidance from the [Iowa Department of Public Health](#), the Johnston Girls Softball Association will treat COVID-19 similar to influenza and other common child illnesses. Players, coaches and spectators who believe they have been exposed to COVID-19 are not required to abstain from attending or participating in softball activities and should monitor for symptoms.

A player, coach or spectator shall not attend a softball game, practice, clinic or other JGSA/Dragon Select-related event if the person is experiencing any COVID-19 [symptoms](#) or tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous ten days. Players and coaches who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or who have been exposed to COVID-19 are encouraged to get tested for COVID-19.

A player, coach or spectator (regardless of vaccine status) who has experienced COVID-19 symptoms shall not attend or participate in a JGSA/Dragon Select activity for [10 days](#) after the onset of symptoms and must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to any JGSA/Dragon Select activity.

If a player or coach has tested positive for COVID-19, the coach or player's parent/guardian shall notify the JGSA Board via this self-report form that the player or coach has tested positive. All efforts will be made to keep the player's / coach's identity confidential.

Contact JGSA board member Lisa Thilges if you have any questions.