



COVID-19 Protocol for USTA Middle States Competition / Events

General Safety Guidelines

In order to compete in USTA MS-based events or competition, USTA MS requires that all participants adhere to the guidelines and mandates set by the local state, city or municipality in which the tennis competition is taking place.

In the case that the tennis facility or organization has set stricter guidelines than what the local mandates require, USTA MS requires that the participants follow that respective facility/organization's guidelines and/or requirements. Failure to comply with the facility's mandates will result in default, disqualification or total suspension of play for that individual. It is the responsibility of the player to understand the protocols set in the club and area of which they are to compete. In the case of USTA League or Junior Team Tennis, USTA MS asks that the host captain or coach communicate with the visiting captain and team about up-to-date protocols in the host club.

Handling Positive Tests

If a participant in a USTA MS-based event tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of competing, USTA MS asks that the player and/or representative of the player immediately notify the USTA MS office. Appropriate contacts from the USTA MS office include:

- USTA League: Sharon Narsiff (sharon.narsiff@ms.usta.com)
- USTA Adult Tournaments: Mary Wurtz (wurtz@ms.usta.com)
- USTA Junior Tournaments / Junior Team Tennis: Laurie Schwepfinger (schwepfinger@ms.usta.com)

In the situation of a positive test, the individual will be unable to participate in USTA MS competition/events for 14 days. USTA MS requires that each individual follows CDC guidelines, including being fever free and without symptoms, prior to returning to competition. USTA MS will not share individual results, names or other identifying information with teams, players or captains. USTA MS will simply inform participants or staff who came in contact with the individual that they may have been exposed and should be tested.

Handling Exposure

If a player comes in close contact to a person who is known to have tested positive for COVID-19, USTA MS suggests that the player should be tested for COVID-19 and, in the meantime, that player should not participate in USTA MS events for 14 days. The CDC has outlined definitions for close exposure, along with other useful tools and information, [here](#).

Other Situations

If a player, coach, facility manager or anyone else involved with USTA MS programming hears of a situation involving a positive COVID-19 diagnosis, they should immediately notify the USTA MS office.

What to do if a facility is not following state / local protocols

If any individual notices a facility or host organization not adhering to the state and local guidelines in place, please contact the USTA MS office (contacts listed above).

Additional Questions / Info

For other situations, questions or concerns, please contact the general USTA MS email account at (communications@ms.usta.com).