

Western Winter Blast 2022 Covid-19 Policy

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The WPA Board of Directors made the decision to require a vaccine **or** a negative Covid-19 test result in order to attend WWB. Our goal is to provide a safe environment for as many members as possible. Knowing that any measures we take are helpful but not perfect, we still need to behave intelligently, respectfully, and look out for each other.

This policy seeks to strike the best balance of safety and convenience. For example, requiring a single negative test is not airtight protection in a multi-day event, but it is helpful and avoids the need to test each day. The proper balancing of all factors is ultimately a personal choice. This statement is intended to clearly explain the policy for this event so you can make the right choice for yourself.

How it will work

There will be a Health Check Station outside the entrance gate, just before Registration.

- Show your vaccine status **or** a negative test result, and they will give you a wristband good for the **entire event**.
- Bring a photo ID, as they may not know you.
- You must wear the wristband to gain entry to the event every day, just like any other year.
- You **do not** need to go to the Health Check Station each day.
- Please do not ask the volunteers to trust you when you say you are vaccinated or negative, even if they are your good friends. Be prepared with your documentation.

The people staffing the station are your fellow club members, and are saving the club quite a bit of money. Abusive behavior towards them may result in your removal from the event.

Remember: they didn't write the policy; they are simply helping the club.

Vaccine option

- Show proof that you have received one of the following, 14 or more days prior to the event
 - One Johnson & Johnson shot
 - A set of two Moderna or Pfizer shots
 - Booster shots are **not** required
- Proof can take one of the following forms
 - CDC card - including a photocopy or photo on your phone
 - Smartphone app
 - Note: this requires an internet connection to work; bring a backup!
 - Staff may not be able to scan the codes issued by every state.

Negative test result options

YOU MUST PROVIDE YOUR OWN TEST

There are two options for testing - an at home rapid test kit, or a test administered by a lab

- At Home/Over The Counter/Rapid Tests (Antigen)
 - Must be FDA approved
 - Take the unopened test to the Health Check Station, self administer the test, and stay there until the result is clear.
 - This will take about 15 minutes; be prepared to wait.
 - If you test positive
 - You can take a second test if you like
 - You can return the next day and test again
 - You can have your event fees refunded, by mail
 - You will not be allowed into the event without a negative test result or proof of vaccination
 - If you ordered product from Flying Phoenix and cannot pick it up, they will restock it without penalty to you.
- Lab tests (PCR)
 - This is a little tricky, because the results typically take a few days to arrive, but the timing is unpredictable. Hopefully testing will be easier as we get closer to the event. One option is to take the test at your local testing location and have the results delivered to you electronically a few days later in Lake Havasu. A well prepared person would have a rapid test with them as a backup.
 - Test must be taken **no more than 72** hours before going to the Health Check Station.

International visitors

- People coming from outside the country, please contact us ASAP.
- If you can get into the US with your country's test, it's good enough for the WPA.

Masks

- This is an outdoor event, and masks are not required.
- However, be aware of crowded spaces, and be respectful of the people when in their space. For example, the Registration Staff has to talk to every single person entering the event. If they are wearing masks, show some respect. Put one on, keep some distance and be polite.
- Masks are recommended in indoor spaces, including tents with walls.

Magazines, bunkers and small enclosed spaces

- 1 manufacturing group at a time. Don't go in if it's in use.

Resources

- Where to get test kits:
 - <https://www.cms.gov/how-to-get-your-at-home-OTC-COVID-19-test-for-free>
 - <https://www.covidtests.gov> - 4 free tests mailed to your home. They should arrive with time to spare.
 - At least one staff member has had good luck buying FDA-approved rapid tests multiple times on walmart.com, receiving them in about a week.