

# **Play! Pokémon COVID-19 Protocols**

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# 1 Using This Document

Our **Play! Pokémon COVID-19 Protocols** are intended to inform our community of any changes or requirements regarding COVID-19 safety practices in place at Play! Pokémon events.

By entering or attending a Play! Pokémon event, all attendees agree to adhere to the rules and requirements outlined in this handbook. Those who do not may incur penalties, be removed from any tournament in which they are participating, and/or be asked to leave the event venue.

Please be aware that these Protocols may change at any time. We encourage you to check back often and note the date of last revision as listed above.

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## 2 Local Events

### 2.1 Introduction

Local Events are sanctioned Play! Pokémon tournaments or League sessions that:

- Are held in person rather than digitally, mostly in approved League venues.
- Are hosted by Professors rather than The Pokémon Company International (TPCi) staff or contractors.

To find out if Play! Pokémon programs are reopening in your market, please check this [page](#).

### 2.2 Local Event COVID-19 Recommendations

- All Local Events must adhere to their applicable local laws and regulations pertaining to COVID-19.

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## 3 Premier Events

### 3.1 Introduction

For the purposes of our COVID-19 policy, Premier Events are sanctioned Play! Pokémon tournaments and promotional activities including:

- Regional Championships
- International Championships
- World Championships
- Other events listed on [www.pokemon.com](http://www.pokemon.com) that are operating as Premier Events per these protocols.

To see where Play! Pokémon Premier Events have been advertised, please check [this page](#).

It is the responsibility of all participating attendees and/or their parent or guardian to:

- Fully understand all COVID-19 requirements and processes detailed below.
- Ensure you have read and reviewed the current COVID-19 policy prior to your attendance at any event.
- Arrive at Premier Events prepared to comply with all of our COVID-19 requirements and processes detailed below for the duration of the event.

Although COVID-19 is no longer considered a global health emergency, we endeavor to keep our community safe from unnecessary dangers. Additionally, given the global nature of our Premier Events program, we must be mindful of differing regulations throughout the world. As such, these Protocols can change with very short notice. In some circumstances, the requirements listed here may shift to comply with local laws.

## 3.2 Premier Event COVID-19 Requirements

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- Individuals who have or develop symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should refrain from attending the event.
  - If designated event staff observe symptoms consistent with COVID-19, they may direct symptomatic individuals to leave the event venue or require them to wear a mask at their discretion. Out of an abundance of caution, this may impact people other than the symptomatic individuals themselves.
- Mandatory masking of asymptomatic individuals will no longer be required at all Premier Events; however, **TPCi reserves the right to implement a mandatory masking requirement for any event and on short notice, if necessary.** If an event does require mandatory masking, we will do our best to communicate that to all attendees; however, it is your responsibility to confirm you have read and understood the current COVID-19 policy prior to your arrival at an event.
- For events that implement mandatory masking, the following requirements apply:
  - Attendees and staff must wear an acceptable face mask at all times during the event unless actively eating or drinking while in designated areas.
    - Attendees may not eat food during events unless they are eating in a designated eating area.
  - Dining areas for staff should be clearly demarcated and designated as “staff only.”
- Players should sanitize their hands prior to facing new opponents. Players may forgo the traditional pre-game handshake and may touch each other’s cards as necessary during play.
- Premier Events must have a licensed healthcare professional on site.

## 3.3 Premier Event COVID-19 Check-In Information

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When arriving at a Play! Pokémon Premier Event, all attendees will need to check in. This will involve the following steps:

- Review healthcare signage at the event.
- Complete registration and check-in.

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## 4 Other

**I have more questions not covered here. How can I learn more?**

If you have further questions, please contact us via [Customer Service](#).