

COVID-19 Match Outing Guidelines

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As we continue forward through the pandemic, we appreciate the ongoing support from Bigs, Littles, and parents who are working together as partners to promote the health and safety of all parties. All Match participants regardless of vaccination status (i.e. volunteers, parents/guardians, and youth) are expected to follow these guidelines while matched within the BBBS program. Please contact us at (608) 661-5437 with any questions or concerns.

These guidelines are subject to change and are contingent upon continual improvement in COVID cases, Dane County emergency orders, and public health guidelines.

1. Parents/Guardians and Bigs MUST agree that they are comfortable meeting in-person before EVERY outing and must commit to following all guidelines BEFORE meeting. Matches understand that agreement to face-to-face outings may be withdrawn by either party temporarily if either party does not feel it is safe.
2. Match participants may choose to wear a mask for face-to-face outings per the expiration of the Dane County Masking Mandate. Unvaccinated individuals are encouraged to wear a mask in indoor settings, including while riding in a vehicle. If the Little does not have a mask and requests one, the Big will be asked to provide one. If you need help to locate/find masks for Big or Little, please speak to your Match Support Specialist.
3. Matches are expected to follow masking policies when entering an area that requires masks and when using public transportation.
4. Please refrain from match outings if you are a close contact, are exhibiting COVID symptoms, or have a pending test. Match participants must follow quarantine and isolation CDC guidelines if they are exposed or test positive for COVID-19 which would prevent matches from meeting until their days of quarantine are completed.
5. Match participants must inform either party if they have been exposed or test positive for COVID-19 which could result in transmission to the Big or Little. Please call your Match Support Specialist if you cannot get a hold of your Big, Little, or parent.

We recognize that fewer formal masking guidelines may be a source of stress for some individuals. We encourage Bigs, Littles, and parents to review these recommendations from our local health officials for how to act safely and responsibly during this transition.

<https://publichealthmdc.com/blog/if-youre-worried-about-the-mask-order-ending-read-this>