

# Reopening of the West Michigan Fencing Academy to be Delayed

The planned reopening of WMFA to the public on July 6 will be delayed. A new date for reopening has not been determined but will happen when Phase 5 allows us to do so, however, due to the increased incidence and risk of coronavirus, WMFA has made the very difficult decision to cancel all classes (6-week & Intermediate) until the Fall. The Plan below, outlines our current and future plans.

## CHANGES FOR RETURNING WHEN WE ENTER PHASE 5.

- All participants and chaperones are asked to wear a facemask.
- **Bouting with facemasks.** (we are looking at the United States Fencing Association closely, regarding this, and may update before we reopen)
- Hand sanitizer will be at both doors of the Academy. Please use it.
- Only fencers, (with one chaperone) will be allowed at the Academy. Chaperones will be allowed to remain as long as they are masked and social distance.
- Locker Room use will be limited to adults only, all children should enter, ready to fence. Locker Rooms will have sanitizing wipes and be cleaned after open fencing on Mondays and Thursdays.
- No one will be allowed to leave any personal items at the Academy.
- Seating and office contact at the Academy will be set up to keep with the 6 foot social distancing rules.
- You must bring your own water bottle.
- The Academy will have separate entrances and exits into our space to limit contact, coming and going.

Thank you for your patience and continued support as we try to function in these difficult times.  
Please feel free to contact us at [fencewmfa@gmail.com](mailto:fencewmfa@gmail.com)

## WMFA's updated REOPENING PLAN

### Now

All fencing classes will be cancelled until Fall.

All 6-week classes will be offered a free pass for a 6-week class or a Beginner Camp until June of 2021.

The Beginning Olympic Camp for Aug 13-15 is still on.

### When Phase 5 is Approved by the Governor.

Open Fencing with restart on Mon & Thurs from 7-9pm. All members, Intermediate students and private instruction students, are invited to participate in Open Fencing at this time. Coach Mike will be contacting students taking private lessons and reschedule them at that time. We also have a huge shipment of equipment coming in, for purchase, to conform to the new rules outlined by the USFA. Intermediate students are encouraged to stop down and pick up the equipment you ordered at this time.

### This Fall

Intermediate classes will restart on Sept 8 and 9. You will be prorated for the 12 weeks that we were unable to fulfill your class. Only a WMFA yearly membership of \$60 will be asked for at this time.

All 6-week classes will restart the week of Sept. 14.

Participants, will be required to put down a deposit for equipment, starting in the fall.

This equipment will go home with the student. The deposit will be returned in full at end of the class, unless equipment has been lost or damaged.

All missed classes can be made up in the event someone gets sick or needs to self-quarantine for 2 weeks.