

# Biden campaign: Former Packers hall of fame Coach Mike Holmgren on announcement of no fans at Lambeau Field

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This week, former Packers Hall of Fame Coach Mike Holmgren issued a statement slamming President Donald Trump's mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic and how his failed leadership has negatively impacted the Wisconsin economy, particularly small businesses in Green Bay and across the state. On Tuesday, the Green Bay Packers announced an indefinite hold on fans for home games at Lambeau Field due to the significant increase in coronavirus cases across Wisconsin.

According to the [Green Bay Press Gazette](#), each Packers home game provides \$15 million in economic impacts to the city of Green Bay. Overall, the Packers contribute more than \$160 million per year to Green Bay's economy.

**TMJ4 (NBC) Milwaukee: [Former Packers Coach Mike Holmgren: Trump's COVID-19 response has failed Green Bay](#)**

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"We are now months into this crisis, cases are surging across Wisconsin, and President Trump still doesn't have a plan to get the virus under control," Holmgren said Tuesday.

Holmgren says Biden offers a plan that will help Green Bay and Wisconsin get through the pandemic.

“Joe will always level with the American people — he’s a man of integrity, and now more than ever, we need him in the White House,” the former coach said.

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### **Up North News: Former Packers Coach Blasts Trump Over COVID-19 as Lambeau Extends Fan Ban**

While much of Wisconsin may be discussing the new restrictions on indoor gatherings made necessary by the nearly unchecked spread of the coronavirus, it’s the new restriction on one of the state’s premier outdoor gathering places that will be especially noticeable on Sunday afternoons as the Green Bay Packers sack any hopes of allowing fans back into Lambeau Field to watch games.

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Someone else who knows a few things about how to win in Green Bay believes President Donald Trump bears a substantial share of the blame for the loss of fan attendance this season. Former Packers coach Mike Holmgren, who led the team to victory in Super Bowl 31 and had a 75-37 record during his tenure at Lambeau Field in the 1990s, [said the Trump administration’s failure to lead on the pandemic](#) prompted his decision to publicly endorse challenger Joe Biden.

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**In a recent interview with TMJ4, Holmgren emphasized Joe Biden’s [plan to build back the economy and the importance of making your voice heard by voting in the November election](#). “I think the pandemic and what’s happened to businesses based on the pandemic, particularly in places like Green Bay, and smaller businesses, and things like that –It could have been better. It didn’t have to be this bad, had the President acted earlier and done some things earlier. But he**

didn't and now here we are," said **Mike Holmgren**. Read more below:

**TMJ4 (NBC) Milwaukee: [Former Packers Coach Holmgren on why he's backing Joe Biden](#)**

GREEN BAY — Mike Holmgren knows after coaching a legendary football team in the 1990's while living in the smallest NFL market in the country, that Green Bay fans would occasionally second guess some of his decisions.

He talked with TMJ4's Charles Benson about why he wants former Vice President Joe Biden in the White House.

"Look of course I never made any mistakes as a coach, you know that," said Holmgren with a laugh. "So, that's not new for me to get the critical look from both sides."

He knows not everyone will agree with his decision to back Biden.

Benson: "So what moved you to go public, knowing that some people aren't going to like your opinion?"

Holmgren: "Yeah, I know, and I thought about that."

The more he thought about what was happening this election year, Holmgren said he got emotional. He didn't like what he was seeing from President Trump who will be campaigning in Green Bay this weekend. Trump carried Brown County in 2016 by just under 14,000 votes.

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Benson: "Do you think Joe Biden would do something differently that he could help control a virus that's very difficult to control, as we're finding out here in Wisconsin with a record number of positive cases?"

Coach Holmgren: "Yeah, he has said that Charles, I mean he's made that claim and he's spelled out a plan."

Holmgren says he's never endorsed anyone before and "I probably will never do it again," but felt this time around he needed to do something.