



MCPS ATHLETICS

RETURN to R.A.I.S.E.

Fall 2021 Season Spectator & Game-Day Guidelines

Following are spectator and game-day guidelines and operating procedures for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) athletic events. All protocol and procedures will comply with the Return to R.A.I.S.E. Strategic Plan, the guiding document for MCPS Athletics during the COVID-19 pandemic. These guidelines have been approved by the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, along with the COVID-19 Task Force for MCPS Athletics.

Rationale

MCPS Athletics is committed to providing the safest, greatest experience possible for student-athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators.

Indoor Events - Volleyball & Team Handball

The following mitigation measures will be implemented:

1. All stakeholders are reminded to stay home when experiencing any possible [symptoms of COVID-19](#).
2. Masks are required at all times for all stakeholders.
3. Benches will be socially distanced to the extent possible.
4. For volleyball, teams will not change benches during the course of the match.
5. Spectators will sit opposite of teams and are strongly encouraged to socially distance to the extent possible.
6. Spectators shall exit the facility immediately following the conclusion of the contest. Spectators may not gather outside of the gymnasium and should proceed directly to vehicles.
7. Admission will be charged for volleyball.
8. Indoor concession stands will not be open until further notice.
9. Eating and drinking will not be permitted in gymnasiums for spectators, including outside food and beverages.

Outdoor Events

1. All stakeholders are reminded to stay home when experiencing any possible [symptoms of COVID-19](#).
2. Face coverings are not required outdoors, but persons who are not fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings for outdoor operations of the MCPS athletics program.

3. Spectators must bring a mask upon entrance to use in restrooms or in the event of an emergency situation and/or evacuation.
4. Admission will be charged for all stadium events.
5. Spectators shall exit the facility immediately following the conclusion of the contest. Spectators may not gather outside of the stadium and should proceed directly to vehicles.
6. Teams are encouraged to remain outside at all times. If indoor spaces are used, schools must communicate in advance and ensure that masks are available for student-athletes and coaches. Each team is responsible for ensuring that all team personnel are masked when entering school buildings and facilities.
7. Outdoor concession stands may open and fully operate.

MCPS Athletics is excited to welcome our spectators to our events. We will rely on the collective cooperation of many to continue the successful implementation of in-person programming.

Together, We RAISE!