



MCPS ATHLETICS

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

Update—August 6, 2021

Dear MCPS Community:

The fall season for MCPS Athletics will begin on August 11, 2021. Following are key updates regarding program operations, including:

- Fall Season Registration
- Return to R.A.I.S.E. Plan Operations (COVID-19 Protocols) - updated August 6, 2021
- Preparation for Participation
- Health & Safety - Fall Heat Plan & Hydration
- Communication and Resources

Fall Season Registration

Registration for fall sports is still open through ParentVUE. [Tryouts and practices](#) for high schools start on **August 11, 2021**; details regarding tryout/practice logistics are available through the local school and team(s). Systemwide resources are available on the [MCPS Athletics webpage](#).

Return to R.A.I.S.E. Plan Operations

The Return to R.A.I.S.E. Plan will continue to drive program operations in regard to COVID-19 procedures and protocols. The plan is reviewed on an ongoing basis by the COVID-19 Task Force for MCPS Athletics. The latest version is always available on the [COVID-19 Athletics Information](#) webpage. The [August 6, 2021 update](#) continues existing protocols regarding masks/face coverings, including **requiring face coverings indoors** at all times except as noted in the Return to R.A.I.S.E. Plan. This aligns with guidance from the CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the most recent Board of Health Regulation in Montgomery County (August 5, 2021).

Preparation for Participation

Students are expected to be prepared to participate in tryouts and practices, including bringing their own water, mask, towel, and hand sanitizer to each session. Extra masks and hand sanitizer will be available, along with water coolers (may not share water bottles) at hydration stations.

Health & Safety - Fall Heat Plan & Hydration

Students, coaches, and parents/guardians should review and become familiar with the [Health & Safety](#) web page for MCPS Athletics. The MCPS [Fall Heat Plan](#) will guide operations during the opening weeks of the fall season. Additionally, [information and resources](#) are available regarding proper hydration.

Communication and Resources

Our COVID-19 Task Force for MCPS Athletics will continue to evaluate and implement the latest safety measures. Updates and guidance from the Task Force will continue to be provided and are available on the [COVID-19 Athletics Information webpage](#).

We appreciate your continued commitment and support. Specific questions should be directed to your school's [athletics specialist \(AD\)](#), [athletic coordinator \(AC\)](#), or coach.

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