



MCPS ATHLETICS

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

Update—September 17, 2021

Dear MCPS Community:

Thank you for your continued efforts during the fall season to promote the health and safety of our student-athletes, coaches, and program. Following are some reminders and updates.

Vaccination Requirements for Volunteer Coaches and Athletic Trainers

Beginning October 1, 2021, all volunteer coaches and athletic trainers will be required to complete an additional new module via their myMCPS Classroom/Canvas account called *COVID-19 Vaccination Attestation* in order to volunteer/serve within our school district. The new module will consist of a volunteer a) attesting to being fully vaccinated, b) uploading their Certificate of COVID-19 Vaccination from the Maryland Department of Health, and c) agreeing to specific expectations of masking and social distancing while in MCPS facilities.

Vaccination FAQs

[Here](#) are answers to FAQs regarding the vaccination requirements for MCPS Athletics. More information will be provided, as necessary.

Positive COVID-19 Case Process & Survey

[The process](#) in the Return to R.A.I.S.E. Plan will continue to be implemented for a positive COVID-19 case. In the event of a reported positive case, a survey will be utilized to collect the vaccination status of all student-athletes on the team. Parents/guardians will receive the survey electronically and be asked to verify the vaccination status of their student-athlete. If this information is not provided, the student-athlete will be considered unvaccinated for purposes of returning to participation.

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 [September 17, 2021](#) update includes updated language regarding vaccinations for volunteer coaches and athletic trainers.

Spectator & Game-Day Guidelines

MCPS Athletics is committed to providing the safest, greatest experience possible for student-athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators. All spectators and stakeholders are expected to comply with the [Spectator & Game-Day Guidelines](#) for MCPS Athletics. Spectators are reminded to exit the facility immediately following the conclusion of the contest; spectators may not gather outside of the stadium and should proceed directly to vehicles.

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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