PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this guide is to provide school leaders with health and safety guidance for planning and executing Homecoming and Fall 2021 events, while complying with Washington State requirements and using mitigation measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. All extracurricular activities and events have the potential to increase risk of COVID-19 transmission. However, these activities and events are often important to social and emotional health and increase school connectiveness for students, both of which are protective factors and can contribute to positive health outcomes.

Schools must follow the Washington State Department of Health's K-12 Schools Requirements for all events hosted by or associated with a K-12 School.
VENUES

There are no capacity limits or distancing requirements at this time. However, schools are encouraged to minimize crowding and utilize spaces large enough to allow for physical distancing and spacing.

Utilize outdoor venues when possible. If indoor venues are necessary, consider large, well-ventilated spaces and open doors/windows as much as possible.

MASKING

Outdoor Events

Masks are not required at outdoor events with less than 500 attendees, but are recommended in crowded areas.

Indoor Events

Masks are required for all attendees, volunteers, and staff at indoor events. Attendees can only remove masks in the following circumstances:

- While eating or drinking
- For a short period, while taking professional pictures (outdoor pictures are highly recommended)
TESTING AND SCREENING

Testing

Require testing for all attendees who are not fully vaccinated (including staff and volunteers). It is recommended that students submit consent to test forms or have consent forms on file, prior to purchasing tickets. The following testing options are acceptable:

- Negative rapid test the day of the event
- Negative PCR test 2-3 days prior to event (must submit proof prior to attending)

Fully vaccinated individuals who submit proof of vaccination are not required to test prior to attending event.

Screening for Exposure and/or Symptoms

Schools should develop a plan for screening attendees for COVID-19 exposure or symptoms. Options can include an attestation at the time of ticket purchase, screening at the door, posting signage, etc.

Do not allow anyone to attend who has been exposed to COVID-19 and is within their quarantine period, or is experiencing any COVID-like symptoms, including:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Muscle/body aches
- Fatigue
- Congestion
- Runny nose
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting
- Loss of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
PHOTOGRAPHY

Professional photography is allowed. Outdoor photography is recommended if possible.

Indoors
Photographers must wear masks at all time. Attendees can remove masks briefly while being photographed.

Outdoors
Masks are not required for attendees or photographers, but distancing to the extent possible when not actively being photographed is recommended.

DJS, BANDS, OR OTHER PERFORMERS/PRESENTERS

Indoor Venues
Performers and presenters can remove masks while actively speaking or performing, but must maintain at least 6ft of distance from attendees.

Outdoor Venues
Performers and presenters are not required to wear masks, but maintaining at least 6ft of distance from attendees is recommended.
**ADDITIONAL MITIGATION MEASURES**

**Contact Tracing**

Schools are required to keep a list of all event attendees. If any attendees test positive after attending an event, and were considered to be in their infections period while attending, the school must notify BFHD of positive cases and identified close contacts immediately. Schools will also need to notify close contacts and have them quarantine appropriately. Schools should provide appropriate staffing and/or volunteers to ensure compliance with COVID-19 safety measures.