

# MPS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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## Covid-19 Safety Protocols: INDOORS

**Face Coverings (masks, gaiters, etc.) are REQUIRED for the following while at MPS athletic facilities:**

- Participants (officials, coaches, players,)
- Sports Med
- Spectators
- Concession & Gate Workers
- Security
- Media

\*medical exemptions for face coverings will be allowed with proper documentation

1. Opposing Teams are strongly encouraged to undergo Covid-19 screening before arriving at our facilities.
2. **Spectators MUST wear a face covering at all times and practice social distancing (6+ feet).**
  - A. Large groups are discouraged from sitting together in the stands.
  - B. Student sections will be required to practice social distancing at all times.
  - C. No access to the court/mat/floor will be permitted after the contest ends.
3. **Bench Areas**
  - A. Face Coverings MUST be worn at all times when on the bench.
  - B. Coaches Must wear a face covering at all times.
  - C. Players may remove face covering when entering the game.
  - D. Players MUST stand/sit in designated areas only.
  - E. Players MUST be socially distanced on the bench at all times.
  - F. Two or more rows of seats may be utilized to maintain social distance.
  - G. All participants must use hand sanitizer when entering or exiting the contest.
  - H. Handshakes, high-fives, etc. are discouraged by all participants.
4. Pre and Post Game Handshakes will NOT be permitted at this time; waiving is encouraged.
5. Locker rooms will be provided.
  - A. Face Coverings MUST be worn at all times.
  - B. Locker room access should be for quickly changing; limit to less than 15 minutes total.
  - C. Any pre/post game meetings should last less than 15 minutes, and all participants should maintain social distance while wearing a face covering.
6. Communal Water Jugs will be provided.
  - D. Personal water bottles MUST be used for consuming water.
  - E. Teams will designate an assigned person to fill bottles and they must be wearing gloves and a face covering.
  - F. Cups may be provided if available.
7. Athletic Training Room Access
  - A. Home teams will have limited access for pregame treatment. Social distancing and face coverings are mandatory at all times.
  - B. Visiting teams will not have access to the MPS Athletic Training facilities at this time.  
\*MPS Athletic Training Staff will be available for urgent and emergency care only\*

**NOTE:** We will update our plan and procedures as health recommendations and guidance from the CDC, the Cleveland County Health Department, and local/state officials continue to evolve.



## **UPDATES: MPS Athletics**

*In addition to the MPS Athletics Covid-19 Safety Protocols*

### **INDOOR ATHLETIC EVENTS**

- Per Governor Stitt's latest executive order, MPS will continue limiting facility capacity at all athletic events to 50% or less.
- Additionally, only family members of the participating students may attend. Non-participating students must be accompanied by an adult. Masks and/or face coverings are required at all times. Everyone needs to continue social distancing as much as possible and follow the MPS Athletics Covid-19 Safety Protocols.
- Note: currently, games and events are not live-streamed due to technical difficulties. NFHS is working to resolve these issues quickly.

### **PRACTICES OVER THE BREAK**

- During the break, only Winter High School Varsity Sports can practice. Other sports and levels must have approval from the Head Principal and Site Athletic Facilitator to practice during the break.

### **BANQUETS, AWARD CEREMONIES & SOCIAL GATHERINGS**

- All school/booster in-person banquets, award ceremonies, and social gatherings must be postponed until a later date.

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