

Extra-curricular event considerations

We are extremely happy to still be able to offer extra-curricular activities for our students, a major component of a well-rounded education. There for a while we weren't sure it would happen! We want students, parents, staff and fans to have as normal a year as possible- but safety is paramount.

Because of the nature of C-19, failure to follow safety guidelines may create a situation in which the Health Department could be forced to **exclude** many students and staff from participation for 14 or more days in quarantine or isolation. With that in mind, the following guidelines, *which may change with conditions and new information*, are to be implemented at all extra-curricular activities involving crowds.

These focus on five major parameters; don't attend if you are symptomatic, wear masks, intentionally social distance at 6 feet, wash hands often and minimize personal contact to less than 15 cumulative minutes. *Social distancing seems to be the key component to avoid making the exclusion list.* Consistently enforcing these rules should minimize the chance of getting ill or of being required to isolate or quarantine.

Safety

Deputy coverage paid out of Safe Schools money to help insure a safe campus during extra-curricular events, etc.

This was moved from athletic budgets last year to save schools internal dollars.

General

Masks will be required for all upon entry and will be worn throughout the event unless social distancing is possible and enforced. Schools should provide masks at the gate for any who do not have them. Young children (<3) or medical exceptions only. Temperatures should be checked upon entry as far as is practical to do so.

This will include students and coaches on sidelines *and benches* but not during actual contest participation by students or staff on a field or court, or if social distancing is possible.

People in line for bathrooms or concession stands are required to have masks on while in line and encouraged to wear them while walking to and from the concession or bathroom. Concession workers should have on masks and perhaps set up multiple pick up sites to spread out the half time crowd.

As much as possible, fans in bleachers should be grouped by family units, and masks should be worn if unable to socially distance at 6 feet.

Encourage all to minimize contact with each other to 6 feet, with masks and less than 15 minutes of close cumulative contact when feasible. Their health, their season (and yours) may depend upon following these strict safety guidelines.

School-based decisions should be developed for band participation- pre-game, half time, seating to ensure social distancing, etc.

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School-based decision should be developed for coaches congregated "upstairs" in press boxes. These number of coaches should be limited to adequately social distance.

Custodial help

Custodians (who work less than 40 hours) should be masked, and assigned to clean, restock and disinfect each bathroom every 15 minutes or more throughout the duration of the event. Soap and water as well as hand sanitizer must be available throughout.

This extra cleaning should *not* be overtime or comp time for custodial staff. It will be paid by the district as "extra pay" and pay be will capped at three hours per event.

Locker/dressing rooms need to be sanitized after dressing out and after half time.

Communication

It is imperative that visiting teams and their fans know our rules in advance of being our guests. It is also important that our parents and fans who travel know the rules when we are their guests as well.

Athletic Directors should get the word out to student athletes, parents and fans- unless the principal has another comprehensive plan to communicate. No one wants to travel many miles to be turned away at the gate because of limited ticket sales.

Signage should reflect these guidelines and this document may be reproduced and referenced as needed.

Because of this unusual situation this year, all schools should plan on Live Streaming their events *if possible*. Please contact Mr. Trick and Mr. Suber if you need technical or maintenance assistance in setting up.

Transportation

An unforced error in this area could put many at risk, as well as make or break a season or event. Why? One sick student on a one hour bus ride could bench the entire cheerleading squad, band, or send the whole team home for 14 days!

Bus seating charts strategically developed by coaches and sponsors, and people sitting still in one seat, limiting movement, are important. One "social butterfly of a student" (or coach) could visit with friends at the front of the bus, middle of the bus and back of the bus going to or coming back from the game or event, and be found sick with C-19. The Health Department would most likely quarantine all people on the bus for 14 days!

School-based decision should be made on how to best handle this scenario. We will increase your transportation budget to help alleviate some associated costs of more buses if needed.