

Madison County Schools
Guidelines for Extracurricular Activities
Summer 2020

The top priority of Madison County Schools is ensuring the safety of our students and staff both in and out of the classroom. We are committed to bringing students back to activities and athletics in the best and safest manner. It is our responsibility to carefully examine each individual sport and activity to implement a specific plan and protocols to protect, to the fullest extent possible, all students and staff involved. MCS will need to consider and decide the appropriate timeframe and plans to begin re-opening each athletic program, facility, and activity safely.

1) Prior to the resumption of any activity, each Athletic Director, Activity Director, and sponsor of any summer extra-curricular activity must be trained on COVID-19 Work Guidelines. Program directors will be responsible for training all coaches and program staff on COVID-19 Work Guidelines.

2) All activity areas must have appropriate health guideline signage in highly visible locations. Use the following links to CDC approved signage: [promote everyday protective measures](#), [stop the spread](#), [properly washing hands](#) and [properly wearing a cloth face covering](#). Additional signage resources are available on the [CDC's communication resources](#) main page.

3) All activities must adhere to the following District-wide guidelines:

Pre-activity Screening:

- All participants, including staff, will be screened for signs/symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature check, prior to all activities.
- A log of screenings, including all participants each day, will be kept.
- Any person with positive symptoms (100.4 temperature or higher) will not be allowed to participate. Coaches should contact the school principal to notify them of positive symptoms.
- Vulnerable students and staff should not participate in summer activities.

Requirements and Considerations:

- Maximum gathering size should not be in excess of the state allowable maximum participation limit for indoor and outdoor activities.
- Locker rooms/changing areas may not be utilized; students should report to activities in proper gear
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet will be implemented at all times. Activities requiring closer interactions will not be permitted at this time.
- Coaches/Sponsors will ensure students remain in the same small groups/pods each day to the extent possible to minimize interactions
- Participants should bring their own equipment and not share (i.e. towels, clothing, shoes, balls, uniforms, equipment, etc.).
- Participants should bring their own pre-filled water bottles and not share.
- Masks must be worn appropriately for group gatherings. Masks will not be required during exercise or other activities that would not reasonably allow for masks, such as while playing brass or wind instruments.

Hygiene Measures:

- Staff will disinfect meeting spaces and equipment at a minimum daily, and more often if multiple groups are rotating through a space or activity.
- Restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected each day.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at all gatherings
- All participants are encouraged to wash hands frequently for a minimum of 20 seconds with soap and water before touching any equipment
- Only one student at a time will be allowed in the restroom

4) In the interest of ensuring safety to the best of our ability, each head coach and activity sponsor is asked to submit a re-entry plan at least ten days in advance of the first planned practice or activity. Each plan should adhere to the guidelines outlined above and include the following:

- What facilities will be used and how they will be cleaned on a daily basis
- How many participants will be involved in the activity
- How students will be grouped, matched with staff, rotated, etc.
- What equipment will be used and how it will be cleaned after each use
- How students will safely enter and exit the facility
- How students will appropriately separate their equipment/gear to adhere to appropriate distancing
- How practice/activity will be conducted in a way to allow for appropriate social distancing
- How often and how long students will practice/participate each day

All plans must be in accordance with up-to-date CDC, state, and local health guidelines. The plan must specifically state how these health guidelines will be incorporated. Plans should take into consideration the CDC's guidance that, "the more people a child or coach interacts with, the closer the physical interaction, the more sharing of equipment there is by multiple players, and the longer that interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread." CDC Considerations for Youth Sports, which are applicable to all extracurricular activities, can be found here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>

No physical contact will be allowed until authorized by the District. No travel for activities is permitted during the summer. No guests or non-essential people will be permitted at summer activities.

All participants must review health protocols, and students and parents must sign permission forms to participate in summer activities. No student will be penalized for opting not to participate.

Re-entry plans will be reviewed by school principals and by District administrators prior to approval, and changes to plans may be requested prior to implementation. Failure to comply with this process or approved plans will lead to suspension of the activity, and staff will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

Each student participant must turn in the district's Extracurricular Activity for Summer 2020 permission form signed by the student and his/her parent or legal guardian. All participating coaches and sponsors must sign the District's form acknowledging that they have been trained on the District's COVID-19 Work Guidelines, and that they will adhere to the District's COVID-19 Work Guidelines, the Guidelines for Extracurricular Activity for Summer 2020, and the approved re-entry plan for their sport or activity.