

FORT WORTH ISD COVID-19 ATHLETIC GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITION

School districts have been granted the opportunity to host athletic contests provided we adhere to certain guidelines. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and compliance.

Per the Executive Order GA-29 of Governor Gregg Abbott and the University Interscholastic League (UIL), the wearing of face coverings are required to attend all UIL activities. Additionally, our facility capacity is limited to 50%.

In addition to guidelines for fans, the Texas Education Agency and University Interscholastic League provided guidelines that all Fort Worth ISD teams and opponents will adhere to during athletic competition. These guidelines will change with direction from local and state agencies.

Any individual who is confirmed to have, suspected of having, are experiencing symptoms of, or has been in close contact with an individual who has been confirmed to have COVID-19, **SHOULD NOT ENTER** this facility.

Once you have entered and are looking for a place to sit you should practice safe social distancing and sit in groups of less than 10 and only with people whom you have had recent close contact with such as family members or people who accompanied you to the contest with.

Upon entrance to this facility ALL fans must wear a face covering as described in the Executive Order GA-19.

Participants:

1. Coaches and players must wear a mask at all times unless they are engaged in physical activity, they have a medical condition that prevents the use of the mask, when six feet apart, or any other reason listed in Executive Order GA-29.
2. Teams will wear a mask while on the sideline or they will be required to maintain six feet of distance at all times.
3. Water and other drinks should be provided in cups or bottles to be thrown away by each school **OR** athletes will provide their own water bottle. No shared drinking sources will be used.
4. During team huddles, pre-game meetings, half-time meetings, or timeouts: all participants will wear masks or stay a minimum of six feet apart.

Home Team:

1. All home coaches, players, and officials must self-screen for Covid-19 before entering the FWISD facilities to participate. Anyone with symptoms of Covid-19 should not enter FWISD facilities.
2. Home team locker rooms and officials' dressing areas will be sanitized prior to arrival.
3. Athletes, coaches, and officials should wear face shields or masks while in dressing room areas.
4. Home and Visiting Teams will use pre-determined entrances and exits, away from fans.

Visiting Team:

1. All visiting coaches, players, and officials must self-screen for Covid-19 before entering the FWISD facilities to participate. Anyone with symptoms of Covid-19 should not enter FWISD facilities.
2. Visiting team locker rooms and officials' dressing areas will be sanitized prior to arrival.
3. Athletes, coaches, and officials should wear face shields or masks while in dressing room areas.
4. Home and Visiting Teams will use pre-determined entrances and exits, away from fans.

Pre and Post Game Interaction:

1. Pre and Post-game interviews will be conducted while wearing face masks or standing six feet apart.
2. Post-game sportsmanship will be displayed by wearing masks, along with the two teams lining up on the hash marks to acknowledge their opponent instead of the normal handshake lines.
3. Coaches and players should move quickly to the locker rooms and exit the facilities, limiting interaction with spectators.

Fans:

1. Fans must wear a mask to enter FWISD facilities.
2. Fans are responsible for maintaining six feet of distance at all times in the stands.
3. Groups of 10 or less that arrive together from the same household or vehicle may sit together as long as they maintain six feet of distance from other groups.
4. All home and visitor seating is on a first come, first serve basis. No season tickets, no reserved seating, and no saving seats.
5. All spectators are to keep their masks on while in the stands unless they are consuming food or drink.
6. When a game is completed, we ask that all fans leave the facility.
7. FWISD Athletic Department and FWISD Safety and Security will have workers in the stands directing fans on which exit to use as they depart the seating areas.
8. **Parents will not be allowed in the locker room area at the conclusion of the game.**

Tickets:

1. **All tickets will be purchased on-line.** No tickets will be sold at the ticket booths. Prices for all FWISD Football games are \$6.00
2. **Seating capacity at Clark Stadium is 2,000 per side. Seating capacity at Farrington Field is 3,000 per side.**
3. Spectators are encouraged to purchase their tickets online prior to arrival for varsity games to guarantee a seat. Instructions on how to purchase a ticket for the contest will be available at the gate.
4. **NO PASSES** will be accepted for entry to the football games.
5. **Gates will open one hour prior to kick-off of football games.**
6. **NO RE-ENTRY.** Spectators will be asked to purchase a new ticket if room is still available.
7. **Spectators are responsible for social distancing in the stands.**
8. FWISD stadiums are tobacco free facilities and tobacco use is prohibited.

Sanitizing Stations:

1. Sanitizing stations will be available at both home and visitor entry gates.
2. Sanitizing stations will be available at rest rooms.

Press Box:

1. Admittance to the press box is by Press Box Pass only. There is one exception: Coaches with Sideline Passes wearing proper coaching attire do not need Press Box Passes to enter press box.
2. Press Box Passes and Sideline Passes that have not previously been acquired from FWISD Athletic Department must be picked up when arriving at the stadium.
3. Press Box will open 90 minutes prior to game time.

Scouts **will not be allowed** in the Press Box to ensure coaches and members of the media have enough room to work while being socially distant.

Media:

1. Media access to the press box and field will be granted by FWISD Athletic Department only.
2. Media requests should be submitted at least 48 hours prior to the game.

Playing Field:

1. Sideline passes will be required (unless in uniform, coaches, student trainers, managers included) to enter the game field.
2. No food, chewing gum or sunflower seeds are permitted.
3. No tobacco of any kind is permitted.
4. Turf shoes or molded cleats are suitable – no metal cleats.
5. Vehicles that are permitted on the turf field will be provided by FWISD athletic department.
6. Tents must be free standing structures (no stakes may be used to support any tents).
7. Team benches will be replaced with chairs. There will be enough chairs on the sideline for each player to have their own designated chair to be used by that player only during the contest.
8. Chairs will be sanitized prior to the contest beginning and again at halftime.
9. Only individuals associated with the team will be allowed on the sideline during the contest.
10. All large mechanical noisemakers (large air horns) must be on your side of the stadium and face your fans.

Bands:

1. School bands of no more than **50 members** will be allowed at the contest.
2. Bands **will not march** at halftime.
3. Designated areas of the stadium will be assigned to the band.

Flag Corps:

1. No Flag Corps members will be allowed onto the field area this year.

Spirit Groups:

1. With prior notification from the school administrator a spirit group dressed in identical attire in school colors representing the school will be admitted into the stands.
2. Drill/Dance teams of no more than **20 members** will be allowed to perform at halftime of the varsity contest.

Pre-Game Music:

1. FWISD facilities utilize *GameTime* for all music and announcements pre-game and during the game.
2. All pre-game music will be supplied by FWISD.
3. Home and Visiting teams will not be allowed to bring their own music devices and play prior to the game beginning.

Information for Game Administrators:

1. Principals must designate a game administrator for all contests and have a crowd control plan. The game administrator must sign in with the stadium manager.
2. Principals must arrange for supervision. Game administration and supervision must be in place prior to the game and as fans arrive. It must remain in place until all fans have departed.
3. Game Administrators for both schools shall meet with officials and FWISD athletic administration at least 30 minutes prior to the game at the south end of the stadium and after signing in with stadium manager.

Ambulance:

1. Varsity football games will have an ambulance on site.
2. Ambulance and EMT's will be provided by MedStar.

Concessions:

1. Concessions will be available for purchase at Central Site Facilities.
2. Fans are expected to remain socially distant while waiting in line to purchase concessions.
3. Standing markers will be placed on the ground that are spaced 6 foot apart.
4. No outside food will be allowed to be brought into the stadium by fans.

Tailgating:

1. No tailgating will be permitted at our Central Site stadiums this year.

Lightning Procedures:

1. Please see attached Lightning Procedures

Clear Bag Policy:

1. FWISD has instituted a clear bag policy.
2. 12" X 6" X 12" Clear Totes
3. Plastic Storage Bags (1 Gallon)
4. 16" X 13" Clear and Mesh Drawstring Bags
5. 4.5" X 6.5" Small Clutch Bags
6. Metal Detectors will not be used at Stadiums

Run Through Tunnel:

1. One vehicle of no more than four people for each team can drive onto the field and drop off the tunnel.
2. After dropping off the tunnel, vehicle must pull back out and park outside field areas.
3. Only 4 adults are allowed onto the field to set up and inflate tunnel.
4. After teams enter the field, adults manning the tunnel must return to the stands.
5. Process can be repeated at halftime for tunnel.
6. After the contest, the 4 adults may drive vehicle back into field areas to put tunnel up.
7. Electricity is not available on the field areas – tunnels must be inflated with a generator that is supplied by the campus.

Team Bell or Artificial Noise Maker:

1. One vehicle of no more than four people for each team can drive onto the field and drop of the noise maker.
2. Noise maker must be facing your fans.

Prohibited Items from Entering the Stadium:

1. Unmanned aircraft systems
2. Weapons of any kind, including pocket/utility knives
3. Food or Beverages
4. Illegal drugs and substances
5. Coolers or containers, including cans and bottles
6. Fireworks, pyrotechnics and/or flares
7. Laser pointers
8. Animals, other than service dogs assisting those with disabilities
9. Noisemakers, bullhorns, air horns, whistles and metallic "shaker cans"
10. Banners and flags
11. Balloons, beach balls and any type of ball
12. Any alcoholic beverages
13. Folding and/or standalone chairs
14. Bandanas or any gang related items or clothing
15. Any obscene, vulgar or sexually explicit clothing
16. Metal hair picks and/or sharp objects
17. No skateboards or bicycles
18. No paper/hand-held signs

Stadium management reserves the right to deem any other item inappropriate.

No prohibited items will be accepted at the stadium gates for safekeeping. Please leave all prohibited items secured in your vehicle.

Please be patient and we will do our best to ensure the maximum number of spectators possible can enter the facility.

Thank you.

Fort Worth ISD Athletic Department