



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Athletic Events

Q: What changes were made to the updated guidance from the Governor's office regarding Pre-K to 12 School Sports?
A: *Pre-K to 12 (PK-12) school sports under the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) and the Pennsylvania Independent Schools Athletic Association (PISAA) must follow the [PDE Preliminary Guidance for Phased Reopening of Pre-K to 12 Schools](#) and the [CDC Considerations for Youth Sports](#).*

The Governor's administration is concerned that holding school sports before January 2021 presents significant health risks to participants and the public, and strongly recommends against holding such events. Governor Wolf strongly recommends that Pre-K to 12 school sports be postponed until at least January 1, 2021. The Governor's administration is providing this strong recommendation and this is not an order or mandate. As with deciding whether students should return to in-person classes, remote learning or a blend of the two this fall, school administrators and locally elected school boards should make decisions on sports.

Regardless, all sports-related activities must adhere to the gathering limitations set forth by the Governor's Plan for Phased Reopening (25 or fewer people for indoor activity, 250 or fewer people for outdoor activity) and the facility as a whole may not exceed 50 percent of total occupancy otherwise permitted by law. All individuals present at the facility at which such activities are held count towards gathering limitations and must comply with face covering order and social distancing guidelines.

Q: Does the [Order of the Secretary of the PA Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings](#) apply to adults while attending sporting events at the school?

A: *Yes, this Order applies to all individuals (two-years old and older) while in-school including public K-12 schools. For the safety of students, staff and families, and to avoid community spread of COVID-19, students and staff are considered to be members of the public who are congregating at such public locations. As such, all community members are required to adhere to this Order and this Order remains in effect until further notice.*

In addition, signage will be posted at the ticket booth area indicating that face coverings are required when entering and exiting the athletic venue. The district will not have "mask police" during games as long as social distancing regulations are followed.

Q: Will my child be required to wear face coverings?

A: *At the direction of the Governor and Secretary of Health, **all students and staff must wear face coverings at all times while in school**, even when six feet of social distancing can be achieved. Students and staff may remove their mask when eating or drinking when spaced at least 6 feet apart; or when wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task; or at least 6 feet apart during "face-covering breaks" to last no longer than 10 minutes*

Fannett-Metal School District provided a face covering that comply with the orders issued by the Secretary of Health and the Governor. The school district provided school decaled buffs/neck gators and face shields for every student. It is recommended that students have an extra face covering with them in the event one is lost or somehow rendered unwearable during the school day.

Q: If our family travels during the school year to a state in which the recommended quarantine order is in effect, will my child be required to quarantine prior to returning to school?

A: *The District does not have the authority to exclude students from school who have [traveled to areas](#) identified by the Governor and Secretary of Health as having a higher risk of COVID-19 incidence and potential for infection. Parents/guardians who have traveled to other countries (or other states) should consult the Pennsylvania Department of Health guidance.*