



MCPS ATHLETICS

RETURN to R.A.I.S.E.

Fall Season Update—March 31, 2021

Dear MCPS Community:

We hope you are enjoying a safe and restful spring break!

We want to inform you that the MCPS plan for allowing spectators at athletic events has been approved by the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services and Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

The plan is available [here](#) and includes the following components:

- Two parents/guardians/guests of each student-athlete may attend home and away contests, **as long as the facility can accommodate the physical distancing requirement of six feet of separation between each spectator pair.** In instances where limits may be reduced, schools will communicate revised procedures with the appropriate personnel from the opposing school.
- Spectators under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (each individual counts as one spectator, so one child may accompany one adult).
- Student-athletes must complete the [MCPS Athletics Spectator Roster Form](#) for the contest with the head coach prior to each contest. The roster form will be left at the gate for the contest and serve as the official list for spectator admittance. This list will also be used for contact tracing purposes, if needed.
- No walk-up spectators or admission to the general public will be allowed.
- Spectators must wear masks and maintain a minimum of six feet of physical distance at all times.
- Spectators may participate in senior night activities, while complying with mask wearing and physical distancing expectations.

Schools will provide detailed site-specific information for home events, as well as information for visiting spectators before each contest. We thank you in advance for adhering to our spectator guidelines, as we continue to provide the safest experience possible for our student-athletes.

NFHS Network

Contests in stadiums and main gymnasiums will continue to be broadcast live on the [NFHS Network](#). Parents and fans can [subscribe](#) to the network and have access to all games for a monthly subscription of \$10.99/month (or yearly pass for \$69.99/year). All games are free to view 72 hours after being played. Information regarding programming will be provided by local schools.

Some additional reminders regarding MCPS Athletics include the following.

Spring Season Update

Student-athletes interested in participating in the spring season are encouraged to get pre-participation physicals now. More information is available on the [MCPS Athletics webpage](#). Registration for spring sports **is live** in ParentVue. The spring season begins Saturday, April 17. Spring schedules are posted on countysportszone.com.

Middle School Athletics

Middle school athletics will begin on April 20 with the fall season sports of cross country and softball. Program offerings may be virtual, in-person or hybrid (a combination of in-person and virtual), depending on the availability of coaches and the registration of student-athletes. All in-person programming and activities will occur in alignment with guidelines and protocols approved by the COVID-19 Task Force for MCPS Athletics. More information is available on the [COVID-19 Athletics Information webpage](#). Specific questions should be directed to your school's [athletic coordinator](#) (AC) or coach.

Communication and Resources

Updates and guidance from the COVID-19 Task Force will continue to be provided on a weekly basis through each school's athletic department and are available on the [COVID-19 Athletics Information webpage](#). The [Return to R.A.I.S.E. Strategic Plan](#) provides operating procedures and safety protocol that are being utilized; the latest updates will always be shaded in gray.

We appreciate the collective commitment to health and safety by the MCPS community. Specific questions should be directed to your school's [athletics specialist \(AD\)](#), [athletic coordinator](#) (AC), or coach.

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