



April 8, 2021

Dear Principals & Athletic Directors,

The [Athletic Health and Safety Plan](#) already in effect at each school will continue to guide sports participation provided that all participants strictly adhere to local orders, state mandates, and federal guidelines. Any failure to comply will result in the suspension of sports programs.

A signed [Waiver of Liability for COVID-19 Student Sport or Activity](#) is required for each student-athlete.

The following items provide further guidance and clarification:

- First and foremost, if a coach or student-athlete presents with either a probable or confirmed COVID-19 case or related symptoms, that individual should stay home.
- If a coach or student-athlete becomes sick with COVID-19 onsite, he/she should be immediately separated, sent home, and directed to follow [CDC guidelines for self-quarantining](#) and undergoing a COVID test.
- Please immediately notify the School Principal.
- Permission is given to students that are learning remotely to participate in sports.
- In the event the school provides distance learning only, athletics shall cease until in-school learning resumes.
- Please send notices to school sports families that effective 01/11/2021, games will be live streamed and request parents notify the school in writing should they opt for their child not to participate in any games that will be live streamed.
- Each Principal is responsible for ensuring that a Building Manager is appointed for each home game. He/she may either personally appoint that individual or delegate that responsibility to the Athletic Director. The Building Manager is responsible for 1) crowd control, 2) the pre-game meeting with coaches, student-athletes, and officials, and 3) resolving any conflict/compliance issues.

- Physical activity and consistent play is considered necessary and is the priority over non-section and/or tournament games.
- League information is available at www.2badcats.com.
- [We are following state guidance](#).
 - [Responding to COVID-19 in Pennsylvania](#)
 - [Public Health Guidance for School Communities](#)
 - [Guidance for All Sports Permitted to Operate During the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency to Ensure the Safety and Health of Employees, Athletes and the Public](#)
- [Face coverings are required to be worn indoors and outdoors if you are away from your home](#). FAQs are available [here](#).
 - Everyone who participates in sport activities including coaches, athletes, and spectators must wear a face covering, such as a mask, unless they fall under an exemption in [Section 3 of Universal Face Covering Order](#).
 - Schools must require all students over 2 years of age to wear face coverings, except for any student who has a medical or mental health condition or disability that precludes the wearing of a face covering in school. Notwithstanding the exceptions in [Section 3](#) or the Order, schools may require medical documentation. The Pennsylvania Department of Education recommends that any documentation that is provided be in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or IDEA of such medical or mental health condition or disability.
 - [Indoors](#): Coaches, athletes (including cheerleaders), and spectators must wear face coverings, when indoors and where another person or persons who are not members of the individual's household are present in the same space, irrespective of physical distance. This includes while actively engaged in workouts, competition, and on the sidelines, etc.
 - [Outdoors](#): Coaches, athletes (including cheerleaders), and spectators must wear face coverings if they cannot maintain sustained physical distance from persons outside of their household. This includes while actively engaged in workouts, competition, and on the sidelines, in the dugout, etc. If sustained six-foot distancing can be maintained, face coverings may be removed when outdoors.

- [Gathering limits in place:](#)
 - Indoor events: 25% of maximum occupancy, regardless of venue size and only if attendees and workers are able to comply with the 6-foot physical distancing requirement.
 - Outdoor events: 50% of maximum occupancy, regardless of venue size and only if attendees and workers are able to comply with the 6-foot physical distancing requirement.
- Concession stands or other food must adhere to the [Guidance for Businesses in the Restaurant Industry](#).

We must be courageous in practicing patience, discipline while being intentional, and open to scrutiny (and avoiding rashness) in being every good thing we want to instill in our children through sports.

Thank you for your dedication to athletics as an irreplaceable piece of Catholic education. Let us do everything we can to keep our children playing safely!

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and concerns.

Be at Peace,



Gary W. Roney,
Diocesan Athletic Director