

TYLER ISD ATHLETICS RETURN TO PLAY AND PERFORM GUIDELINES AND TICKET INFORMATION

Tyler ISD has implemented the following COVID-19 health and safety policies and procedures according to guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), University Interscholastic League (UIL), Texas Education Agency (TEA), State of Texas, and local public health officials.

Schools not following these guidelines are subject to **sanctions, including suspension of contests or discontinuation of public access** to games, by the local UIL District Executive Committee and/or UIL State Executive Committee. All athletes, staff, and fans play an important role in helping to establish a low-risk environment at all of our athletic events.

GENERAL COVID-19 GUIDELINES

- All players, coaches, participants, media, volunteers, and visitors must self-screen using the posted COVID-19 symptom checklist before participating in or entering an event. Individuals confirmed to have, suspected of having, experiencing symptoms of, awaiting a COVID-19 test result for themselves or anyone in their household, or have been in close contact with an individual who has been confirmed to have COVID-19 within the last 14 days should not enter a district facility.
- COVID-19 symptoms include:
 - ✓ Fever of 100 degrees or above or feeling feverish (could include alternating shivering and sweating)
 - ✓ New or unexplained chills
 - ✓ New or unexplained cough
 - ✓ New or unexplained trouble breathing, shortness of breath, or wheezing
 - ✓ New or unexplained fatigue
 - ✓ Sore throat
 - ✓ Diarrhea
 - ✓ Chills
 - ✓ New or unexplained muscle aches
 - ✓ New or unexplained loss of smell, taste, or change in taste
- For purposes of screening participants and fans, close contact with an individual who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 should be considered as:
 - ✓ being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); or
 - ✓ being within six feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes.Either of the above applies if the contact occurred during the infectious period of the case, defined as 2 days prior to symptom onset to 10 days after symptom onset.
- Players, coaches, staff, and performers must meet the below re-entry criteria in order to resume participation with the athletic team and facility include:
 - ✓ At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared; and
 - ✓ At least 1 day (24 hours) have passed since recovery of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; and

- ✓ Improvement in symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath; OR
- ✓ In addition to the criteria described above, a player who is diagnosed with COVID-19 must receive clearance from a physician prior to returning to participation in UIL activities.

TICKET ALLOTMENT

- A maximum 50% venue capacity is required to allow spectators to attend games, provided that appropriate spacing between spectators is maintained. To ensure social distancing and allow parents of players and performers, and other spectators to attend games, the following ticketing guidelines have been implemented. **No passes allowed, including District, THSCA, TGCA, and employee badges.**

Varsity Football (Home Games)

- **Tickets must be purchased online and will be digital. Varsity football tickets will be available through www.tylerisd.brushfire.com.**
- A limited amount of season tickets for **Tyler Legacy and Tyler High** will go on sale starting Monday, September 7 at 8:00 a.m. until sold out or when the window closes on Friday, September 11 at 5:00 p.m. The ticketing system will automatically accommodate social distancing by closing three seats on both sides of the order. Season ticket seats not sold will be available for purchase as reserved seats at each home game. Remaining tickets will be general seating.
- Parents of players and participants will receive a single use code via email for each home game that will allow them to purchase up to four tickets according to the following priority schedule:
 - ✓ **Sunday, 8 a.m. – Tuesday, 11:59 p.m.** – ticket sales open to football players, band, cheerleaders, and drill team
 - ✓ **Wednesday** – ticket sales open to general public
- Tickets may be purchased by all groups after their priority day until the allotted 50% is sold out.
- General admission seating is available for purchase on home and visitor side of the stadium.
- Tickets can be printed and self-scanned at the gates or shown digitally on your phone.
- **Tickets will NOT be sold at the gate.** Signs posted at the gate will have information on how to purchase tickets on a mobile device if tickets are still available.
- Ticket staff will be available to assist ticket holders with scanning of tickets if necessary.

Varsity Football (Away Games)

- Parents of players will receive a single use code for each away game by email that will allow them to purchase up to four tickets, unless the seating capacity at away venues does not permit for four tickets.
- Ticket allotments will vary per stadium.
- Tickets will not be sold at the gate. Ticket holders should make sure they have their electronic ticket/confirmation before arriving at the game.

Sub-Varsity Football/Volleyball/Basketball/Baseball/Soccer (Home)

- Tickets must be purchased online and will be digital. **Purchase tickets at www.ticketspicket.com.**
- Parents of players will have the option of purchasing four season passes for all home games.

- Parents of players and participants will receive a single use code for passes for each home game by email that will allow them to purchase up to four tickets.
- All remaining tickets are for general admission only.

Sub-Varsity Football/Volleyball/Basketball/Baseball/Soccer (Away)

- Parents of players will receive a single use code for each away game by email that will allow them to purchase up to four tickets, unless the seating capacity at away venues does not permit for four tickets.
- Tickets allotment will vary per school and gym size.

Middle School Athletics

- Tickets must be purchased online and will be digital. **Purchase tickets at www.ticketspicket.com.**
- Parents of players and participants will receive a single use code for passes for each home/away game by email that will allow them to purchase up to four tickets.
- All remaining tickets are for general admission only.

GAME DAY LOGISTICS

- Tyler ISD will clean and disinfect all locker rooms prior to games but visiting teams/groups are responsible for cleaning and disinfecting their own equipment once it is unloaded.
- Access to locker rooms and areas reserved for officials are strictly limited to essential staff and individuals for whom those facilities are designated.
- Individuals not essential to the team or group or who are not properly credentialed are prohibited from entering the field before, during, or after games. This includes players, coaches, team personnel, media, and sponsors of activity groups (band, cheer, drill team).
- Inside Gate 4 at CHRISTUS TMF Rose Stadium will be a designated area for teams to unload buses and equipment to separate them from fans and other non-essential team/group individuals.
- Home team football buses will park inside Gate 4. At the end of the game, players and coaches will load buses from there. Parents will not be permitted inside the gate to avoid crowds.
- 5 gates on the home side and 3 gates on the visitor side will open for fan entry.
- Barricades will be set up so that fans on the home side from the top concourse will exit through Gate 1 and Gate 2 and the lower stands will exit through Gate 3. Visiting fans in the lower stands will exit through Gate 6, and those in the top will exit through Gate 7.
- Adequate security will be on site to enforce social distancing and to help ensure groups are not congregating.
- Tailgating is not allowed on Tyler ISD property, including Rose Stadium and Mike Carter Field parking lots.
- All home games from CHRISTUS TMF Rose Stadium for Tyler Legacy and Tyler High will be available via television and web broadcast.

TV broadcast – KTPN - The Z (channel 9 on Suddenlink, channels 51.2 and 36.1 over the air). Web broadcast – KETK will provide streaming services.

Sub-varsity and middle school – All middle school and sub-varsity games played at CHRISTUS TMF Rose Stadium will be live streamed on NFHS Network.

PRESS BOX

- **Face coverings and social distancing of at least six feet between individuals when possible will be enforced in the Press Box.**
- Press Box will be sanitized before and after each event.
- Press Box media access will be limited to working media providing coverage of the game.
- Only credentialed staff/personnel, home and visiting coaches, home and visitor radio, and scouts are permitted. They must check in at Gate 4 for screening and credentials before being allowed to enter the Press Box.
Scouts – three scouts per school and only one if scouting the next game’s opponent.
Media, Radio and TV – only official school approved personnel will be allowed as room permits.
- All food served in the Press Box will be individual servings/pre-packaged.

TRAVEL

- Only players, coaches, managers, athletic trainers, and essential staff are permitted to ride buses.
- Bus riders should sit and space themselves to accommodate social distancing where possible.
- **Face coverings are required on buses.**
- Hand sanitizer will be provided and is required when entering and exiting the bus.

GAME DAY – SPECTATORS

- **All spectators ten years of age or older must wear face coverings upon entry** into athletic venues (gyms, stadium, fields), with the exception of any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering or while consuming food or drink.
- **Spectators should attempt to maintain social distancing at all times**, including entering and exiting the stadium.
- **Spectators must self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before entering a facility.** Spectators experiencing symptoms that are consistent with COVID-19 are required to remove themselves from the facility. Tyler ISD may deny admission for individuals who are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms.
- **Consecutive rows will be blocked off in general admission seating and reserved seating will be assigned to ensure social distancing** (no groups of more than 10 people can sit together, including the members of the same household or those persons who traveled together to the facility).
- Seating, handrails, and other common surfaces will be sanitized and disinfected prior to each game or contest.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the stadium.
- Fans should attempt to maintain social distancing in restrooms. Restrooms will be sanitized before, throughout, and after each game or contest.

GAME DAY – PLAYERS/COACHES/STAFF/OFFICIALS/MEDIA/VOLUNTEERS

- **10-6A & 7-5A UIL District Executive Committees both voted to not allow band and drill teams to travel to away contests.**



- **All coaches, staff, media, and volunteers must wear face coverings, as must participants when not actively practicing or playing in the contest**, with the exception of any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering or while consuming food or drink. Officials must wear face coverings when not officiating the game.
- For the safety of others, **parents must ensure they do not send a student to participate in UIL activities if the student has COVID-19 symptoms, is lab-confirmed with COVID-19, awaiting a COVID-19 test result, or have had close contact with anyone who is lab-confirmed with COVID-19.**
- Players and coaches must self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to boarding the bus to the game or contest.
- Players, coaches, staff, and volunteers should utilize the area between the two 10-yard lines to space out.
- Water will be provided for home team players and coaches during games using personal water bottles or single-use disposable cups. Visiting teams are responsible for providing their own water needs according to their district policies.
- Player locker rooms will be sanitized before each game and again before halftime.
- Pre-game and post-game gestures of sportsmanship should be conducted between teams and contest officials in ways that help reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19.
- Post-game interviews should be conducted while maintaining at least six feet of distance between the interviewer and individual being interviewed.
- All pre-game and post-game player and coach meals must be individually packaged.

GAME DAY – STUDENT GROUPS

- The marching band, cheerleaders, and the drill team are permitted to perform at home games.
- **All students, staff, and volunteers must wear face coverings**, when not performing, with the exception of any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering or while consuming food or drink.
- Band, drill team and cheerleaders must enter and exit through Gate 4.
- Band and drill team sponsors must notify the Athletic Department no later than Wednesday of each week who their essential volunteer parents are so they can be provided credentials for the game.
- Band and drill team will be seated in chairs set up in the D Zones and must remain socially distanced from game participants.
- Cheerleaders will be located either outside the team areas on the sideline or just outside the end zone and must remain socially distanced from game participants.

CONCESSIONS

- **Staff, contractors, and volunteers involved in food service are required to wear face coverings.**
- Concessions will be limited to only food that can be served in a pre-packaged format.
- To limit contact, credit card purchases are preferred.
- Social distancing must be maintained in concession lines.
- Concessions will not be made available through the stands.
- Concession stand will be sanitized prior to each game and concession staff will wipe/disinfect the counter after each transaction.

CLEAR BAG AND OTHER STADIUM POLICIES

- Guests of CHRISTUS TMF Rose Stadium are reminded of the Tyler ISD Clear Bag Policy. Guests are encouraged NOT to bring bags of any type into the stadium, including camera and binocular bags. However, the following items are permitted:
 - ✓ Bags that are clear plastic, vinyl or PVC and do not exceed 12" x 6" x 12"
 - ✓ One-gallon clear plastic freezer bags (Ziploc bag or similar);
 - ✓ Small clutch bags, with or without a handle or strap, that does not exceed 4.5" x 6.5" (approximately the size of a hand)
 - ✓ Any medically necessary items after proper inspection.
- The full Clear Bag Policy is located at <https://tylersports.rankonesport.com>.
- Attendees are not allowed to bring in noise makers firecrackers of any kind.
- CHRISTUS TMF Rose Stadium is an alcohol, tobacco, and vape free zone.