



## General Guidelines for Elmore County Public Schools Athletic Venues

As we begin the 2020-2021 season, we are excited to host events at our athletic venues. In order to have a quality event, while ensuring the safety of all of those involved, we have developed the following guidelines to be used during this game. We encourage you to be aware of all COVID-19 guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH). The following guidelines are meant to provide specific instructions and best practices for students, coaches, officials, and fans while participating in all athletic events hosted at all ECPS athletic venues.

- Before attending the event, please review the most recent guidelines provided by the CDC, ADPH, and local county/city health agencies and do your best to education your student body and fan base on the expectations for the game.
- It is expected that all fans will avoid close contact with others and maintain a physical distance of six feet or greater.
- **When physical distancing cannot be maintained, facial coverings should be worn. *Each person shall wear a mask or other facial covering that covers his or her nostrils and mouth at all times when within six feet of a person from another household...***  
(Based on the July 29, 2020 Current Order of the State Health Officer).
  - All fans will be expected to wear a facial covering during entrance and exit to the stadium, while visiting the concession stand or visiting the restroom.
  - While in the stadium seating area, individuals from different households should maintain a physical distancing of 6 feet.

### Tickets:

- Tickets to athletic events should be purchased online where possible. In some instances, tickets may be sold at the event.
- When attempting to purchase ticket, please refer to the host school's website for information on purchasing tickets.
- Each school will follow guidelines from the CDC, ADPH, and AHSAA when determining the number of tickets that may be sold for each venue.

### Sideline Access:

- Anyone, outside of the players in uniform, who will need to be on the sideline will have to have a sideline pass.
- No one will be allowed on the field, including school personnel, without a sideline pass.

**Locker Rooms:**

- Locker room facilities will be provided for visiting teams and game officials following AHSAA guidelines. Locker rooms will be sanitized according to guidelines provided by the CDC and the ADPH.

**Hydration:**

- The school is responsible for providing coolers, water bottles, etc. for their team throughout the game and halftime.
- The host team will be available to assist visiting teams with this upon request.

**Cheerleaders:**

- Cheerleaders will be allowed on the sidelines to cheer during the game. The group may line up, and cheer, from the 10-yard line to the back of the end zone (20 yards). If this is not enough room, the cheer squad can break into two groups, so that half of the squad can go to one end of the field, and other end of the squad can go to the other end of the field.

**Bands:**

- The bands will be expected to wear facial coverings while entering and exiting the stadium, as well as maintain social distancing inside the stadium if facial coverings are not worn during the game.
- The bands will have the option to perform on the field at halftime.
- The band’s on-field performance should be no longer than 10 minutes long.
- Specific guidance will be sent regarding how and when bands will be allowed to enter the field for their performance.

Here are some general guidelines for participants at the event. This category includes band members, cheerleaders, and school employees:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Social distanced</b>	<b>Face coverings</b>
Band members sitting/standing in the stands playing during the game	Yes	Yes, unless instrument requires uncovered face
Band members doing formations on the field during half-time	No	Yes, unless instrument requires uncovered face
Band members or cheerleaders walking to the concession stand	Yes	Yes
Cheerleaders performing on the sidelines	Yes	No
Cheerleaders doing certain stunts	No	No
Employees taking tickets at the gate	Yes	Yes
Employees working in a small concession stand	Yes, to the extent possible given necessary contact to take money and provide concessions. Limit helpers as much as possible within confined areas.	Yes

- All participants in the event should follow guidelines for their specific team or group.
- Each venue should be organized to ensure proper distancing between participants and spectators.