



2020 Back to School Athletic Events and UIL Information

Ticket Sales

Greenville ISD will utilize on-line ticket sales to ensure spacing and 50% max capacity. These links will be provided to home fans as well as visitors. Extra tickets will be available at the gate depending on pre-sale amounts. These will all be paperless and cashless transactions.

Face Coverings

All employees, parents, visitors and students ten years of age or older must wear face masks or cloth face coverings upon entry to an area where UIL activities are being conducted and when not actively practicing or playing in the contest.

Exceptions to the wearing of face masks or cloth face coverings include:

- Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering
- While a person is consuming food or drink
- When a congregating group of persons maintains at least 6 feet of social distancing
- Any other reason or circumstance indicated under [Executive Order GA-29](#)

General Operations Guidelines

Schools must require staff to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before participating in UIL activities or entering areas where UIL activities are being conducted. Parents must ensure they do not send a student to participate in UIL activities if the student has COVID-19 symptoms (as listed below) or is test-confirmed with COVID-19 until the conditions for re-entry are met.

Before visitors are allowed access to areas where UIL activities are being conducted, school systems must screen all visitors to determine if they themselves have COVID-19 symptoms (as listed below) or are test-confirmed with COVID-19. Schools are permitted to prevent any individual who fails the screening criteria from being admitted into school facilities or sites where UIL activities are being conducted until they meet the criteria for re-entry.

COVID-19 Symptoms

In evaluating whether an individual has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, consider the following question: Have they recently begun experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal for them?

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea

When asking individuals if they have symptoms for COVID-19, school systems must only require the individual to provide a “Yes” or “No” to the overall statement that they are symptomatic for COVID-19, as opposed to asking the individual for specific symptom confirmation. School systems are not entitled to collect information during screening on the specific health information of an individual beyond that they are symptomatic.

Game, Contest, and Event Management

Teams and Participants

- Teams and participants are required to wear face coverings as described in [Executive Order GA-29](#).
- The host site should designate a cleaned and disinfected area for teams to unload and load buses separate from others.
- Visiting team /group locker rooms should be cleaned and sanitized by the host site before the visiting team arrives. Schools should limit access to these facilities to only students and staff essential for the game.
- Before each game, contest, or event, schools should follow the screening protocols described above to screen all staff members, contractors, volunteers, sports officials, and any individuals involved in working the event.
- Fan and spectator areas should be at least six feet from team /group areas such as team benches or performance areas.
- As previously indicated, water or other drinks and/or food may be provided. Schools or host sites should consider doing so in a manner that ensures students are not sharing these items.
- Other areas used by participants, such as press box areas, should be cleaned and disinfected prior to and after use. Sites should develop plans for providing access to these areas that limit or remove potential contact between participants and non-participants.
- The host site should provide sports and contest officials an area to enter and exit separate from fans when possible. Officials should be provided a dressing and meeting area, if applicable, that has been cleaned and disinfected prior to their arrival.
- Pregame and post-game gestures of sportsmanship should be conducted between teams and sports and contest officials in ways planned to help reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19.
- All participants should be provided with entry and exit plans for contest areas that maintain separation from non-participants and fans. Individuals not essential to the team or group should not be given access to contest areas, performance areas, courts, or fields at all before, during, or after contests and events.

Student Groups Not Directly Involved in the Game or Contest

Student groups such as marching bands, cheerleaders, drill teams, and other groups approved by the school district may attend and perform at games or contests in which they are not competing. These student groups should remain separate from the game or contest participants at all times. These student groups should avoid mixing with fans or non-group members throughout the game or contest.

- Student groups are required to wear face coverings as described in [Executive Order GA-29](#).
- Schools should consider limiting the number of students and staff given access to the playing areas and ensure protocols for entering and exiting the playing areas are in place.
- Fans and spectators should be located to provide at least 10 feet of distance from bands playing wind instruments from the stands.
- These students should maintain appropriate distancing from game or contest participants at all times, including when on the sideline.

Spectators, Audiences, Fans and Media

Schools may allow spectators to attend games, contests, or events within a maximum 50% capacity

- Schools and/or host sites should post visible signs and/or messaging regarding COVID-19 as to who should not enter the facility.
- Spectators, audiences, fans and media are required to face masks or cloth face coverings
- Sites are encouraged to utilize remote ticketing options to help manage capacity limitations within a maximum 50% occupancy.
- Groups should maintain at least six feet of distance from other groups at all times, including the process of admission and seating. A group is defined as no more than 10 people.
- Schools should not allow seating in consecutive rows, and should block off seating to maintain a minimum six feet of distance between groups.
- Schools should provide hand sanitizing stations and/or hand washing stations at entrances and inside the facility.
- Press Box seating should include social distancing of at least six feet between individuals when possible.
- Schools should limit access to working media providing coverage of the event to ensure protocols are followed.
- Schools may provide food, water or other drinks. If they provide these items, schools should provide individually wrapped or packaged items that are not shared.

Concession Stands and Food Service

- Staff, contractors, and volunteers involved in food service are required to wear face coverings as described in [Executive Order GA-29](#).
- Sites should avoid leaving condiments, silverware, flatware, glassware, or other traditional table top items on unoccupied tables or at the counter. Sites should only provide condiments or flatware in single use, individually wrapped items.
- Regularly clean and disinfect the food service counters and areas. Clean and disinfect dining areas (tables, etc.) after each patron departs.
- Limit contact between the individuals involved in food service and patrons as much as possible. Have employees, contractors, and volunteers follow proper food-handling protocols.
- Schools should make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available in these areas.
- All congregate areas should be regularly and frequently cleaned and disinfected including all frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms.