

ATHLETICS FAQ

Will students need to wear masks to participate in after-school athletics?

Students are not required to wear masks indoors or outdoors when practicing or playing a competitive sport at any level, including cheerleading and dance/drill, outside of normal school hours. Coaches are required to wear masks, indoors at all times, and outdoors when social distancing is not possible.

Students and coaches who are not actively participating (i.e. on the sideline during an indoor or outdoor competition) are required to wear masks. Students and coaches are required to wear masks when in the weight room.

Will referees need to wear masks?

Per the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA), officials on the field actively officiating football and soccer games, plus basketball officials on the court and wrestling referees in the circle, are not required to wear masks given the high level of physical exertion required by the official. Referees in volleyball or umpires on the field in baseball/softball are required to wear masks as those roles don't require a high level of physical exertion by the official. Football chain crews, volleyball line judges, a 4th official in soccer, cheer/dance judges, track and field officials, score table staff, speech judges, and music adjudicators also are required to wear masks as those roles don't require a high level of physical exertion by the official.

Will indoor sports be allowed to occur?

Per the Oregon Schools Activities Association (OSAA), indoor sports like volleyball will be allowed as long as all safety precautions are followed.

Will students-athletes need to socially distance?

Students-athletes are encouraged to exercise at least 3 feet of social distance from other students and at least 6 feet of distance from adults, to the extent possible.

Under what circumstances will students need to quarantine?

If a student comes in contact with another student with a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19 in a *classroom setting*, the student does not need to quarantine if they maintained at least 3 feet of distance and were wearing a mask at the time of exposure.

If a student comes in contact with another student with a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19 *outside of a classroom setting*, the student does not need to quarantine if they maintained at least 6 feet of distance and were wearing a mask at the time of exposure.

If a student comes in contact with an *adult* with a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19, the student does not need to quarantine if they had maintained at least 6 feet of distance and were wearing a mask at the time of exposure.

If a student comes in contact with another student or an adult with a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19, the student does not need to quarantine if they're fully vaccinated and at least 14 days beyond completion of the vaccine series at the time of the exposure.

Even so, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend fully vaccinated people who have had a known exposure to someone with a positive or presumptive case of COVID-19 should be tested 3 to 5 days after exposure, regardless of whether they've had symptoms.

School personnel in cooperation with the Lane County Public Health Department will do contact tracing and communicate with affected students and families to the extent possible.

What are the rules for spectators at athletic events?

Spectators are required to wear masks at all indoor and outdoor events. Spectators also are encouraged to maintain at least 6 feet of distance between families/groups, to the extent possible. We recognize that social distancing at some games may be challenging, so please only attend if you're comfortable doing so.

Will concession stands be allowed?

Yes, concessions will be allowed for pre-packaged food and drinks only. Servers should be gloved and masked. They'll also need food handler cards.