

PROCEDURE 4316/5020/7340-P-2

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RULES AND GUIDANCE REGARDING FACE COVERINGS FOR EXTRAMURAL SPORTS

Currently, the Pitt County Department of Public Health follows a strict rule that a quarantine is required if a person who is unmasked and is positive for COVID-19 is within 6 feet of an individual for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more. The quarantine requirement is applied whether an individual is indoors or outdoors. In consideration of this requirement and with the understanding that extramural sports require students to engage in strenuous physical activity, the Superintendent issues the following procedure and guidance for extramural sports.

I. Transportation to Away Games

All student athletes, coaches, athletic trainers, managers, and any other associated individuals must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth at all times when riding on an activity bus or other school transportation to an away game or other team event.

II. Indoor Sports

A. Face Coverings Required When Not Physically Active

During any period when a student athlete is not physically active (e.g. sitting on the bench, huddled for a time out), the student athlete must wear a face covering over his/her nose and mouth.

B. Face Coverings Strongly Encouraged When Physically Active

Face coverings are strongly encouraged but not required when student athletes are physically active at practice or during competition.

C. Face Coverings Required for Coaches and Athletic Trainers/ Managers

Coaches, athletic trainers, and any team managers are required to wear face coverings at practices and during competition.

III. Outdoor Sports

A. Face Coverings Strongly Encouraged When Not Physically Active

During any period when a student athlete is not physically active (e.g. sitting on the bench, standing on the sidelines, huddled for a time out), face coverings are strongly encouraged but not required. Athletic directors and coaches are given discretion to require social distancing for the sidelines/ bench/ dugout or a team specific requirement to wear masks when students are not physically active.

B. Face Coverings Strongly Encouraged When Physically Active

Face coverings are strongly encouraged but not required when student athletes are physically active at practice or during competition.

C. Face Coverings Strongly Encouraged for Coaches and Athletic Trainers/ Managers

Coaches, athletic trainers, and any team managers are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings at practices and during competition.

IV. Spectators

A. Face Coverings Required for Indoor Sports

Unless actively eating or drinking, all spectators are required to wear masks during indoor sports competitions. Spectators who violate this rule will be asked to leave the event. Spectators are not permitted to attend indoor sports practices.

B. Face Coverings Strongly Encouraged for Outdoor Sports

All spectators are strongly encouraged but not required to wear face coverings and/or to maintain a social distance of at least six feet from non-family members during outdoor sports competitions.

V. Definition of Face Coverings and Extramural Sports

For purposes of this procedure, a face covering is defined in the same manner as Section V of Procedure 4316/5020/7340-P-1.

Extracurricular sports include all middle school sports teams and all high school varsity, junior varsity, freshmen, and club sports teams.