



## **NDCL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT COVID-19 FALL 2020 EVENT GUIDELINES**

The safety of our student-athletes, coaching staff, NDCL community and other school communities is our primary focus as we resume interscholastic competition for our athletic programs. The following guidelines and procedures will be implemented until further notice and will be updated as needed, based on new information and guidance from national, state and local governments and agencies.

The information in this document has been gathered from mandates, recommendations and guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Cleveland Clinic, National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) and Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), along with the approval from Geauga Public Health (GPH) and NDCL Administration.

Please familiarize yourself with the information below prior to attending any sporting event at NDCL.  
***These policies are for both indoor and outdoor sporting contests***

### **OVERALL FAN EXPECTATIONS**

While in attendance at a contest, whether it is an inside facility or outside facility, the following are required expectations of attending:

- All spectators must conduct a daily symptom assessment before attending. Anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home (including but not limited to fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty of breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea);
- Face coverings (masks) must be worn at all times unless there is an exception permitted by the Ohio Department of Health. Face coverings must be fabric/cloth and cover the nose, mouth and chin; and
- Six-foot social distance must be maintained in all areas (seating, lines, restrooms, entering and exiting the venue, etc., between individuals or groups, i.e. family members/household sitting together.)

### **CHECK-IN**

All spectators are required to check-in at the admission gate at every NDCL athletic contest in Lion Stadium and McGarry Gymnasium. Only two spectators are allowed admittance per every student-athletes at all sporting events hosted by NDCL. As stated in the Executive Order made by the Ohio Department of Health and Governor, a spectator must be a family member or closely associated with the student-athlete in order to attend a high school athletic contest.

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## **EXITING POLICY**

All spectators, student-athletes, and coaches are expected to promptly exit NDCL's campus at the conclusion of the competition. To avoid congregating, parents and guardians are asked to wait in their vehicles to pick up their student-athletes. No loitering in parking lots or on the campus grounds is permitted.

## **STUDENTS**

No student sections are permitted for athletic competitions on NDCL's campus.

## **CONCESSIONS**

At this time, no concessions will be available to spectators at any NDCL contest. Spectators may bring non-alcoholic beverages in **reusable** containers to contests. Water fountains will not be available for use, though water filling stations will be available at select areas on campus. No catering, delivery, or food from an outside vendor will be permitted. Teams and spectators are prohibited from having communal snack bins and/or coolers.

## **LOCKER ROOMS**

Visiting teams will not have access to a locker room, and must travel to NDCL dressed to compete. An area near the bench or sideline will be designated for their belongings to be stored during competition.

## **RESTROOMS**

Restrooms will be available at the following locations:

- Indoor athletic contests - restrooms in the trophy hallway near the McGarry Gym lobby.
- Outdoor athletic contests - portable restrooms are located inside Lion Stadium on both sides of the field as well as adjacent to the tennis courts.

Spectators are expected to maintain social distancing of six feet while waiting in line to use the restroom. Only one person at a time will be allowed entrance. Hand sanitizing stations will be set up at all restroom locations in addition to the facilities for hand washing within the restrooms.

## **TAILGATING**

Tailgating is strictly prohibited at all home and away sporting events for NDCL.

## **LOCATION OF ATHLETIC FACILITIES AND PARKING**

NDCL can be accessed from both Auburn and Butternut roads. For GPS purposes, those addresses are:

**10232 Butternut Road, Chesterland, 44026**

**13000 Auburn Road, Chardon, OH 44024**

Spectators attending a contest at McGarry Gymnasium or Lion Stadium may park in the East Parking Lot. For additional football parking, vehicles will be directed to the available lot. Tennis spectators may park in the East Parking Lot across from the tennis courts. Handicap parking is available at all NDCL athletic facilities.