

Elizabethtown Area School District Required Acknowledgement to Use Facilities
Approved March 1, 2021

As a result of requirements put into place due to the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency, the following requirements and recommendations must be acknowledged and followed in order to be able to use Elizabethtown Area School District (EASD) Facilities. These requirements and regulations were last updated on August 6, 2020. Any changing to these requirements or recommendations, many require additional acknowledgement in the future. At this time EASD will not be allowing outside organizations to utilize any indoor facilities.

These requirements and recommendations must be reviewed with all participants, coaches/staff, and families. You are responsible to ensure any visiting teams, coaches, and families are aware of these requirements and recommendations.

Failure to comply with the requirements and recommendations could result in the immediate cancellation of all events associated with your organization. We appreciate your partnership helping to protect the health and safety of our community.

Guidance for All Sports Permitted to Operate During the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency to Ensure the Safety and Health of Employees, Athletes and the Public

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<https://www.governor.pa.gov/covid-19/sports-guidance/>

PK-12, Recreational, and Amateur Sports (DOH/State Requirements)

All sports-related gatherings must conform with the amended guidelines on safe gathering limits released by the Department of Health on October 6, 2020 (effective 10/9/2020). Under the new amendment, venues hosting events or gatherings must determine their established occupancy limit as defined by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code and then apply the attendee calculator to determine how many attendees are permitted to attend the event or gathering.

The maximum occupancy calculator for indoor and outdoor events can be found here.

Maximum Occupancy	Allowable Outdoor Rate
0-2,000 people Jane Hoover	15% of Maximum Occupancy 100 participates, coaches, officials, spectators
2,001 - 10,000 people Stadium	10% of Maximum Occupancy 400 participates, coaches, officials, spectators

All other outside facilities are limited to the number of spectators that can to comply with 6-foot physical distancing requirements

All event attendees, including athletes, coaching staff, and officials, must wear face coverings, in accordance with the Secretary of Health's Universal Face Covering Order, and are expected to maintain social distancing when arriving, attending, and departing the facility.

Guidance (DOH/State Requirements) Applicable to All Sporting Events

Venues must require attendees to comply with

- 6-foot physical distancing requirements,
- Wear masks or face coverings in compliance with my [*Updated Order Requiring Universal Face Coverings*](#),

This means all participants or athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators MUST wear face coverings.

- Subject to any subsequent amendments, and implement best practices such as timed entry, multiple entry and exit points, multiple restrooms and hygiene stations.

Venues and event planners may refer to the CDC Events and Gatherings Readiness and Planning Tool for additional information regarding best practices.

- Coaches and league officials must review and consider the CDC guidance on consideration for youth sports to modify practices and games to mitigate the risk of spreading the virus. This includes focusing on individual skill building versus competition and limiting contact in close contact sports.
- The community, league, or team must designate a primary point of contact for all questions related to COVID-19, and all parents, athletes, officials, and coaches must be provided the person's contact information.
- The community, league, or team must develop a plan of action in the event an athlete, coach, or official falls ill, make the plan publicly available, and explain it to the entire sport community.
- The community, league, or team must educate all athletes, staff and families about the symptoms of COVID-19 and when to stay home. Athletes also should be educated on proper hand washing and sanitizing.
- Coaching staff, officials, and other adult personnel must wear face coverings (masks or face shields) at all times, unless doing so jeopardizes their health.
- Coaches and athletes must maintain appropriate social distancing at all times possible, including in the field of play, locker rooms, sidelines, dugouts, benches, and workout areas. During down time, athletes, coaches, and officials should not congregate.
- Coaches and athletic staff must screen and monitor athletes for symptoms prior to and during games and practices. If individuals participating in sporting activities show

symptoms, have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, or are sick, they must be sent home.

- All athletes, coaches, and officials must bring their own water and drinks to team activities. Team water coolers for sharing through disposable cups are not allowed. Fixed water fountains should not be used.
- Activities that increase the risk of exposure to saliva must not be allowed including chewing gum, spitting, licking fingers, and eating sunflower seeds.
- Avoid shaking hands, fist bumps, or high fives before, during or after games and practices. Limit unnecessary physical contact with teammates, other athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators.
- Whenever possible, equipment and other personal items should be separated and not shared. If equipment must be shared, all equipment should be properly disinfected between users. Follow the CDC guidance for cleaning and disinfecting.
- If multiple games are to be held at the same facility, adequate time shall be scheduled between contests to allow for facilities to be cleaned and disinfected, and to minimize interaction between athletes. Sports complexes with multiple fields may operate simultaneous games or practices on fields within a complex only if social distancing can be maintained. Each individual game or practice at a complex must adhere to the gathering occupancy limits.
- Concession stands or other food must adhere to the [Guidance for Businesses in the Restaurant Industry](#). (EASD will not allow outside groups to use EASD concession stands)

Guidance for Caregivers and Spectators (DOH/State Requirements)

- Seating areas, including bleachers, must adhere to social distancing requirements of at least 6 feet of spacing for anyone not in the same household. To assist with proper social distancing, areas should be clearly marked.
- Everyone age 2 or older must wear face coverings (masks or face shields) at all times, unless they fall under an exception listed in Section 3 of the Secretary of Health's Order on Universal Face Coverings dated November 18, 2020.
- Caregivers or spectators should not enter the field of play or bench areas.
- Non-essential visitors, spectators, and volunteers should be limited when possible, including activities with external groups or organizations. Parents should refrain from attending practices, or volunteering to assist with coaching.
- Caregivers and coaches should assess levels of risk based on individual athletes on the team who may be at a higher risk for severe illness.
- Caregivers should monitor their children for symptoms prior to any sporting event. Children and athletes who are sick or showing symptoms must stay home.

DOH/State Recommendations

To operate games or practice, organizations, and teams that are otherwise permitted to conduct in-person activities pursuant to this guidance **are encouraged to do the following**:

- Coaches should create a back-up staffing plan which should include cross-training staff and coaches and training all coaches and officials on safety protocols.
- Limit cash transactions to the extent possible; find alternative ways to charge admission and pay for concessions.
- Create protocols to limit entrance and exit traffic, designating specific entry to and exits from facilities. Establish protocols to ensure staggered pick up and drop off for practice and events and ensure that athletes are not congregating while awaiting pick up and to ensure congregation or crowding does not occur on drop off. Pickups and drop offs should remain outside. Parents should not enter the facility.

Organization

Activity

Applicable Dates

I acknowledge the above requirements and recommendations and will ensure that they will be followed during any event(s) where we have requested to use EASD facilities.

Name, Person Responsible for Event(s)

Signature, Person Responsible for Event(s)

Email

Phone Number

Date