

Sports Order - 8/19/2020, Amended 8/28/2020

VENUE CHECKLIST

Note: Once complete, please maintain for your records.

Name of School/Organization:

Address: Street:

City:

Sports Venue:

Contact Info:	Name:	Phone:	Email:
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Compliance Officer:	<i>See ACPH Planning Guidance Document for form to return to ACPH.</i>	Phone:	Email:
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Limitations on Spectators at Sports Venues:

Spectators are permitted to attend Sports events, with exceptions and limitations as set forth in the Director's Order (8/19/2020). The primary purpose of permitting Sports spectators is to allow and encourage the family and household members and loved ones of players, coaches, team staff members, officials, and other event participants (Band, honor guard, etc.) to observe and share in the experience.

Sports venues include all locations and facilities, whether indoor or outdoor, that host Sports events, including but not limited to stadiums, arenas, playing fields, tracks, speedways, golf courses, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts and open-air courses.

Outdoor: The maximum number of individuals gathered in any outdoor Sports venue is the lesser of 1500 or 15% of fixed seated capacity.

Indoor: For indoor facilities the maximum number of individuals gathered in any indoor entertainment venue shall be the lesser of 300 spectators or 15 percent of fixed seating capacity.

However, physical separation must be maintained throughout the venue and seating must be arranged and assigned to allow for six feet of space between groups of:

- a) no more than four spectators, or
- b) members of one household, i.e. parent(s) and dependent children.

If attendance at a particular venue is governed by a current Order from the Director of the Ohio Department of Health, that specific order shall control over this general order. In addition to any future guidance released for this specific sector, all Sports, whether currently active or those that will eventually practice and engage in competition, shall abide by the rules below:

	Outdoor Venue? _____ Fixed Seating Capacity: _____ 15% of Fixed Seating Capacity: _____ Maximum Allowed Capacity: _____	Indoor Venue? _____ Fixed Seating Capacity: _____ 15% of Fixed Seating Capacity: _____ Maximum Allowed Capacity: _____	Outdoor: The maximum number of individuals gathered in any outdoor Sports venue is the lesser of 1500 or 15% of fixed seated capacity. Indoor: For indoor facilities the maximum number of individuals gathered in any indoor entertainment venue shall be the lesser of 300 spectators or 15 percent of fixed seating capacity.
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Definitions:

Sports Participants: athletes, coaches, volunteers, staff, employee, venues, affiliated teams and schools and spectators

"Employees" (for this order only): employees and volunteers, may also be referred to as "staff"

Compliance Areas

	Standard Standards are from the Director's Order that Provides Mandatory requirements for Youth, Collegiate, Amateur, Club and Professional Sports, issued 8/19/2020 and amended 8/28/2020.	Who/How this will be addressed	Tips
Spectator Pathway:			
	One-way entries, exits, and aisles; spectators to enter and exit gates or doors closest to assigned seats. (7.A.i.)		
	Markings or signage to indicate social distancing in lines and throughout venue. (7.A.ii.)		Consider ticket sales/pick up, venue entrance, concessions, restrooms, exits

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	Elevators and escalators monitored by attendants to ensure compliance with social distancing standards This includes limiting the number of people in an elevator and leaving steps empty between passengers on escalators, where possible, to maintain social distancing. (7.A.iii.)		
	A plan to allow for social distancing when spectators leave, including inclement weather for outdoor venues. (7.A.iv.)		
	Seating must be assigned in groups of no more than four people who know one another, but members of the same household may be seated together even if there are more than four people. (7.A.v.)		
	Each seating group must be separated from the next group by at least six feet in each direction. (7.A.vi.)		
	Seating groups must be assigned in staggered rows and sections to prevent contact between groups. (7.A.vii.)		
	Spectators must sit in the assigned seats or spaces. (7.A.viii.)		

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	General admission (e.g. lawns, standing room, in-fields) is allowable only to the extent six feet of distance between groups of patrons can be clearly marked and strictly maintained. (7.A.ix.)		Note: This seating is counted as part of the maximum capacity; it is NOT additional seating capacity. Consider marking boxes/spaces for 2-4 people to sit, leaving at least 6 feet between marked spaces.
	Venues must limit entrance to hospitality suites to ensure that physical separation can be maintained for both indoor and outdoor viewing sections. (7.A.x.)		
	Recommendation: It is recommended that if possible, contact-free ticketing be utilized to eliminate box office congestion. (7.A.xi.)		
	Recommendation: it is recommended that , if possible, institute assigned arrival times. (7.A.xii.)		
	Recommendation: It is recommended that if possible, block off unused seats. (7.A.viii.)		
	Recommendation: It is recommended that if possible, block off the front rows of the venue to avoid contact between Sports Participants and spectators. (7.A.xiv.)		Consider space between athletes on the field or court of play as well as any other participants, e.g. cheerleaders or bands
	Recommendation: It is recommended that if possible, block off the last row of each section and the aisle seats to prevent contact with people walking to and from seats. (7.A.xv.)		

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Signage and Education

	Communicate with spectators before each event ("know before you go") the importance of staying home if sick, face covering requirement, and need to maintain physical separation. (7.B.i.)		Consider putting information on your website for each venue/event.
	Install signage concerning hygiene, physical separation, and face covering. (7.B.ii.)		Includes athletes, coaches, volunteers, staff, employees and spectators
	Communicate reminders of physical separation, face coverings, hygiene, and health symptoms through public announcements throughout the event. (7.B.iii.)		

Facial Coverings

	Employees, staff, and volunteers must wear a cloth face covering at all times. (7.C.i.)		See exceptions below
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	<p>Spectators must wear face coverings at all times except for one of the reasons stated in the Director's Order for Facial Coverings throughout the State of Ohio, signed July 23, 2020 or as it may thereafter be amended.</p> <p>Written justification must be provided to local health officials, upon request, explaining why employees of the venue are not wearing facial coverings.</p> <p>At minimum, facial coverings (masks) should be cloth/fabric and cover an individual's nose, mouth , and chin. (7.C.ii and 7.C.iii.)</p>		Exceptions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Individual is under age 10 2. Individual has medical condition or disabilities and can't wear a mask 3. Individual is communicating with someone hearing impaired 4. Individual is seated, actively consuming food/beverage 5. Facial coverings prohibited by law or regulation 6. Individual is actively participating in broadcast communications
	Recommendation: It is recommended that, if possible, the face covering requirement is reinforced with signage and announcements throughout the venue/event. (7.C.iv.)		

Cleaning and Hygiene - Venues must also meet the following requirements:

	Frequent cleaning of high-touch areas (railings, ATMs, elevators, bathrooms). (7.D.i.)		
	Allow adequate time between events to allow for cleaning (7.D.ii.)		

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	Follow protocol for cleaning and disinfecting if a COVID-19 case is identified at the venue. (7.D.iii.)		CDC Guidance: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html
	Use all available restrooms with one-way entry and exit to allow for frequent handwashing without crowding. (7.D.iv.)		
	Make hand sanitizer readily available throughout the venue (7.D.v.)		
	Recommendation: It is recommended that, if possible, hand hygiene is promoted through signage. (7.D.vi.)		
	Recommendation: It is recommended that, if possible, every-other sink in restrooms be used to allow for physical separation. (7.D.vii.)		

Handling Sick/Symptomatic People - Venues must also meet the following requirements:

	Any person with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should be instructed to return home or be taken to a dedicated isolation area. (7.E.i.)	List Isolation area:	Consider where/how you will isolate someone who becomes ill.
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	Develop a plan for handling sick/symptomatic individuals, covering how the following will be addressed: a. Immediately isolate the sick person. b. Refer to medial care. c. Notify the local public health department. d. Cooperate with the local health department in contact tracing. (7.C. ii.)		Allen County Public Health 24/7 contact: 419-228-4457

Flexibility and Accountability

	Each Sports venue is required to have a written operations plan, prepared in consultation with the local health department. (7.F. i)		Please contact Allen County Public Health with any questions 419-228-4457
	The organizer of an event is responsible for ensuring and enforcing compliance with the venue's operations plan, the mandates and guidelines of the organizing entity, if any, and all current orders of the Ohio Department of Health. (7.F.ii.)		
	Sports facilities/venues must designate an individual responsible for the compliance with this Order. (7.F.iii)		
	Venue operators must cooperate with the local health department related to any case investigation. (7.F.iv)		
	Failure to comply may result in a venue being shut down. (7.F.v.)		

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Concessions and Retail Vendors

	Follow Responsible Restart Ohio Guidance for Bars & Restaurants. (7.G.i.)		Available at coronavirus.ohio.gov
	Follow Responsible Restart Ohio Guidance for Consumers, Retail, Services & Entertainment guidance. (7.G.ii.)		Available at coronavirus.ohio.gov

Indoor Venues

	For facilities, that are not otherwise addressed in a Director of Health order, the maximum number of individuals gathered in any indoor entertainment venue shall be the lesser of 300 spectators or 15 percent of fixed seating capacity. (7.H.i.)	Fixed Seating Capacity: 15% of Fixed Seating Capacity: Maximum allowed:	
	Spectators shall be seated in a socially-distanced manner, consistent with the requirements for outdoor seating. (7.H. ii.)		
	Recommendation: It is recommended that, if possible, ushers should actively monitor social distancing practices and encourage additional distance between spectators as appropriate. (7.H.iii.)		
	Increase the times between use of the facility from one event to another to allow for more thorough cleaning of individual areas, as well as staggered arrivals/departures of spectators. (7.H.iv.)		

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	Increase frequency of cleaning and sanitizing per CDC Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection guidance on high contact areas/hard surfaces, including snack counters, door handles/hinges, etc. (7.H.vi.)		See: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html
	Increase cleaning and sanitizing of restrooms (7.H.vii.)		
	Sanitize seats and flat surfaces, including tray tables between uses of the facility, (7.H.viii.)		
	Make available additional opportunities throughout the facility for persons to reduce the spread of the virus through handwashing or sanitizing stations. (7.H.ix.)		
	Train, implement and enforce hygiene and handwashing with staff (7.H.x)		
	Recommendation: It is recommended that, if possible, optimize HVAC to blend additional outside air and open fire doors and loading doors so that outside air can circulate. . (7.H.xi.)		

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	Spectators must wear a mask subject to the exceptions outlined in this order. (7.H.xii.)		Exceptions: 1. Individual is under age 10 2. Individual has medical condition or disabilities and can't wear a mask 3. Individual is communicating with someone hearing impaired 4. Individual is seated, actively consuming food/beverage 5. Facial coverings prohibited by law or regulation 6. Individual is actively participating in broadcast communications
	Recommendation: It is recommended that if possible, offer partial event tickets for example for youth events that have tickets for a particular game or meet during a day that has multiple events. Have a recess or intermission between games or events to allow spectators to leave the spectator area and permit the area to be cleaned before a new group of spectators enters. (7.H.xii.)		