

# WEST HARRISON HAWKEYES

## Home Football Game Guidelines

2020

**All coaches, players, workers, and spectators are not permitted to enter the stadium that have visible symptoms of illness.** If a fever or visible signs of illness appear while attending a match, please leave immediately.

- Team Information:

- All coaches and players are **not** required to wear masks.
- Teams are responsible to **bring their own** water bottles, towels, and any medical materials needed.
- **Teams** will be responsible for the social distancing of their own players & coaches.

If a stray ball comes in contact with spectators, it **must be sanitized**.

- Workers:

- Officials, videoboard operators, and scorers **are not required to wear masks** while working the matches, but are asked to social distance with at least 3 to 6 feet between themselves and all workers, players, coaches, and fans.
- The **chain gang personnel are required to wear masks**.

- Spectators:

- **Admissions: \$5** for students and adults.
- There will be **no water fountains** in use.
- **All spectators are not required to wear a mask, however, it is strongly recommended!**
- There **will not** be printed programs or hand-outs of any kind. The programs will be posted on the walls.
- The concession stand **will be open**.
- Spectators **are not** allowed on the field at any time.
  - **Spectators** must remain at least 6 feet from all officials, workers, coaches, and players prior to, throughout, and at the conclusion of the match.

- During Game Procedures (per the IHSAA)

- Pre- and postgame handshakes between teams are prohibited. Teams should acknowledge their opponents with a wave, bow, etc. after introductions and/or after the match.

- Bench personnel should observe social distancing as much as possible.
- An officials' timeout will be taken every 4 minutes of game clock time in order for teams to properly sanitize and hydrate during the contest. This timeout is to be two minutes in length. In addition, the intermission between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter should also be two minutes in length in order to allow for proper sanitizing and hydration.
- The IHSAA will be expanding the team box for the 2020 season to each respective 10-yard lines, providing 30 additional yard for players and personnel to spread out. This adoption is for players only. Coaches are still mandated to be inside the 25-yard lines. Coaches may enter the expanded team box area for supervision purposes only.
- The ball should be cleaned and sanitized throughout the contest using sanitizing solutions recommended by the ball manufacturer. During games, it is recommended that each time there is a fourth down, a new football be brought into play.
- For the mock coin toss, the referee, umpire and one designated representative from each team. Coin toss should take place in the center of the field with designated individuals maintaining social distancing of 6 feet.
- Coaches are responsible for ensuring social distancing as much as possible. Spacing between players while stretching and performing drills so that players remain 6 feet apart.
- Hand sanitizing should be used as much as possible. The NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee recommends using hand sanitizer when going to and from the field. Players are encouraged to provide their own hand sanitizer and/or sanitizing wipes.
- Only essential personnel are permitted on the field of play. The field of play is defined as the area within the boundary lines and the goal lines. Essential personnel are defined as players, coaches, athletic trainers, and officials. All others, i.e., ball attendants, managers, video people, media photographers, etc. are considered non-essential personnel and are to be on the sideline, maintaining social distance of 6 feet apart.