



Colstrip Public Schools Athletic Event and Spectator Guidelines

The Colstrip School District is committed to protecting the health and safety of our athletes, coaches, event workers and spectators. We are consulting with the Rosebud County Health Department and implementing strategies to mitigate the potential risk of COVID-19 at our school activities. These measures are being taken to address the possibility of COVID-19 in our school system and prevent further spread. Student participation is prioritized over the understandable wishes of parents, family members, friends, fellow students, and community members to be physically present at all athletic events. This plan will evolve over time as experience is gained with the operation of athletic events during a pandemic, and as the incidence and prevalence of COVID-19 changes over time. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we navigate through these tumultuous times.

This plan will apply to all athletic events held at Frank Brattin Middle School and/or Colstrip High School. Teams traveling to our community for competition will be expected to adhere to these guidelines as presented.

PROPOSED PHASES 1-5:

Phase 1:

- Only athletes, coaches, and event staff will be allowed at the event.
- Parents and fans will be encouraged to tune into the NFHS network and watch the event online.

Phase 2:

- Frank Brattin Middle School and Colstrip High School will maintain approximately 20% capacity, providing every actively participating FBMS or CHS athlete 4 tickets to home events, this will include coaching staff members.
- No visiting spectators will be allowed admittance to the event.
- Colstrip athletes and coaches will be required to provide the names and contact information of those spectators attending to the Colstrip Activities Office no less than 24-hours prior to the event.
- Masks or face coverings will be required for all spectators.
- All athletes, coaches, event staff and spectators will walk through a temperature screening prior to being allowed entry to the event. If their temperature is 100 degrees or higher on a second temperature reading, they will not be allowed entry.
- Family members will be required to sit in family groups, practicing social distancing from other spectators.
- Social distancing recommendation of 6 feet will be increased to 10 feet, wherever possible.
- Family members who are health compromised, over the age of 65, or who are exhibiting COVID-19 related symptoms will be asked to stay home, but encouraged to tune into the NFHS network and watch the event online.



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Phase 3:

- Frank Brattin Middle School and Colstrip High School will maintain approximately 30% capacity, providing every actively participating FBMS or CHS athlete 4 tickets to home events, this will include coaching staff members.
- Frank Brattin Middle School and Colstrip High School will give every actively participating visiting athlete 2 tickets to home events, this will include coaching staff members.
- Colstrip and visiting athletes and coaches will be required to provide the names and contact information of those spectators attending to the Colstrip Activities Office no less than 24-hours prior to the event.
- Masks or face coverings will be required for all spectators.
- All athletes, coaches, event staff and spectators will walk through a temperature screening prior to being allowed entry to the event. If their temperature is 100 degrees or higher on a second temperature reading, they will not be allowed entry.
- Family members will be required to sit in family groups, practicing social distancing from other spectators.
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Phase 4:

- Frank Brattin Middle School and Colstrip High School will maintain approximately 70% capacity, allowing all FBMS or CHS home team fans admittance. All will be required to sign in and provide contact information.
- Frank Brattin Middle School and Colstrip High School will give every actively participating visiting athlete 2 tickets to home events, this will include coaching staff members.
- Visiting athletes and coaches will be required to provide the names and contact information of those spectators attending to the Colstrip Activities Office no less than 24-hours prior to the event.
- Masks or face coverings will be required for all spectators.
- All athletes, coaches, event staff and spectators will walk through a temperature screening prior to being allowed entry to the event. If their temperature is 100 degrees or higher on a second temperature reading, they will not be allowed entry.
- Family members will be required to sit in family groups, practicing social distancing from other spectators.
- Social distancing recommendation of 6 feet will be increased to 10 feet, wherever possible.
- Family members who are health compromised, over the age of 65, or are exhibiting COVID-19 related symptoms will be asked to stay home, but encouraged to tune into the NFHS network and watch the event online.

Phase 5:

- No Restrictions; 80% capacity if social distancing requirements remain in place.



SPORT SPECIFIC GUIDELINES:

Football:

- Colstrip and visiting spectators will enter and exit through separate gates.
- Temperature screenings will be completed upon entry. If an individual's temperature reading is 100 degrees or above, they will not be allowed entrance.
- Colstrip and visiting spectators will be seated in separate areas; they will not intermingle.
- Portable toilet units and a sanitizing station will be provided on the visiting spectator side.
- Spectators will be required to wear a mask or face covering.
- Spectators will be required to sit in the bleacher area in family groups.
- Social distancing recommendation of 6 feet will be increased to 10 feet, wherever possible.
- Immediately following the completion of the game all spectators will be asked to leave school grounds.
- Spectators will not be allowed to gather at the gate and will not be allowed on the field at any point.
- All athletes, coaches and officials will follow MHSA guidelines regarding masks and face coverings.
- All athletes, coaches and officials will follow MHSA guidelines regarding social distancing.
- All athletes will have their own individual water bottles and towels.
- Anyone handling money will wear gloves. Gloves will be changed throughout the event. Staff will be encouraged to wash their hands and sanitize their area often.
- Sanitizing stations will be available at each ticket booth.
- Family members who are health compromised, over the age of 65, or who are exhibiting COVID-19 related symptoms will be asked to stay home, but encouraged to watch the activity on the NFHS network.
- Concessions will not be sold during games.
- Outside food will not be allowed at the contest.
- Announcements will be made reminding spectators of the importance of social distancing, hand-washing and sanitizing.
- Attendance at MHSA events will be dependent on both Colstrip Public Schools and the Rosebud County Public Health Department.
- Failure to comply with the guidelines could lead to an athlete's loss of the privilege to participate or a spectator's loss of the privilege to attend home events.

Volleyball:

- Colstrip and visiting spectators will enter and exit through separate entry doors.
- Temperature screenings will be completed upon entry. If an individual's temperature reading is 100 degrees or above, they will not be allowed entrance.
- Colstrip and visiting spectators will be seated in separate areas; they will not intermingle.



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- Restrooms will be designated for Colstrip spectators and visiting spectators.
- Spectators will be required to wear a mask or face covering.
- Spectators will be required to sit in the bleacher area in family groups.
- Social distancing recommendation of 6 feet will be increased to 10 feet, wherever possible.
- Immediately following the completion of the game all spectators will be asked to exit the gym and leave school grounds.
- Spectators will not be allowed to gather at court side or in the hallway, and will not be allowed on the court at any point.
- All athletes, coaches and officials will follow MHSA guidelines regarding masks and face coverings.
- All athletes, coaches and officials will follow MHSA guidelines regarding social distancing. Team seating will be spaced 6 feet apart. Chairs will be designated with individual player names.
- All athletes will have their own individual water bottles and towels.
- Anyone handling money will wear gloves. Gloves will be changed throughout the event. Staff will be encouraged to wash their hands and sanitize their area often.
- Sanitizing stations will be available at each ticket booth and throughout the gym.
- Family members who are health compromised, over the age of 65, or who are exhibiting COVID-19 related symptoms will be asked to stay home, but encouraged to watch the activity on the NFHS network.
- Concessions will not be sold during games.
- Outside food will not be allowed at the contest.
- Announcements will be made reminding spectators of the importance of social distancing, hand-washing and sanitizing.
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Cross Country:

- As per MHSA directives, cross country races will be limited to no more than 200 runners.
- Middle School and High School races will be run on separate days.
- Temperature screenings will be completed upon entry. If an individual's temperature reading is 100 degrees or above, they will not be allowed entrance.
- No locker rooms will be provided.
- No walk-through will be held.
- Spectators will be required to wear a mask or face covering.
- Colstrip and visiting spectators will not intermingle.
- Portable toilet units and a sanitizing station will be provided on the visiting spectator side.
- Immediately following the completion of their child's race, spectators will be encouraged to exit the golf course.



- Spectators will not be allowed to gather at team areas.
- All athletes will have their own individual water bottles.
- Family members who are health compromised, over the age of 65, or who are exhibiting COVID-19 related symptoms will be asked to stay home.
- Concessions will not be sold during meets.
- Teams may bring their own coolers. All food and drinks must stay within their designated team area.
- Announcements will be made reminding spectators of the importance of social distancing, hand-washing and sanitizing.
- All athletes, coaches and officials will follow MHSA guidelines regarding masks and face coverings. Runners will wear their masks or face coverings until they are at the starting line. Upon completion of their race, runners will immediately replace their mask or face covering. Runners will observe social distancing while completing their cool down and then return to their team area. Upon the team's completion of all races, the team will immediately return to their bus.
- All athletes, coaches and officials will follow MHSA guidelines regarding social distancing.
- Announcements will be made reminding spectators of the importance of social distancing, hand-washing and sanitizing.
- Results will not be announced and awards will not be given out at the conclusion of the race. Results will be available online and will be sent to Athletic Director's via email.
- Attendance at MHSA events will be dependent on both Colstrip Public Schools and the Rosebud County Public Health Department.
- Failure to comply with the guidelines could lead to an athlete's loss of the privilege to participate or a spectator's loss of the privilege to attend home events.

Cheerleading/Pep Band/Drumline:

- Temperature screenings will be completed upon entry. If an individual's temperature reading is 100 degrees or above, they will not be allowed entrance.
- Cheerleaders and/or Pep Band and/or Drumline will perform during home volleyball and football games only. They may also perform at post-season games, at home or away.
- Masks or face coverings will be worn by cheerleaders during sideline cheering and all cheerleading/dance routines as outlined by MHSA.
- Masks or face coverings will be worn by all Pep Band and Drumline participants unless it must be removed in order to play their instrument. If so, the mask or face covering will be replaced once the song is completed.
- Cheerleaders, Pep Band members and/or Drumline members will practice appropriate spacing and observe social distancing on the court, field, and/or sideline, except while stunting or performing a routine or drill.
- Cheerleader stunting will follow MHSA guidelines.
- Cheerleading, Pep Band and Drumline equipment will be clearly marked with students' names.



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- Cheerleaders, Pep Band and Drumline members will not share equipment to the greatest extent possible.
- Cheerleading mats will be cleaned between uses.
- Cheerleaders, Pep Band members, Drumline members, coaches and/or sponsors will wash and sanitize their hands as often as possible before, during, and after events.
- Cheerleaders, Pep Band members and Drumline members will have their own individual water bottles.
- Attendance at MHS events will be dependent on both Colstrip Public Schools and the Rosebud County Public Health Department.
- Failure to comply with the guidelines could lead to an athlete's loss of the privilege to participate or a spectator's loss of the privilege to attend home events.

Media:

- Members of the media will be admitted with the proper credentials. This will include school newspaper and yearbook staff members.

Student Body:

- Students wishing to attend the home football and volleyball games must have an Activity Pass.
- Temperature screenings will be completed upon entry. If an individual's temperature reading is 100 degrees or above, they will not be allowed entrance.
- Masks or face coverings will be worn by all students.
- Students will sit or stand in the designated Student Section.
- Students will observe social distancing guidelines at all times.
- Attendance at MHS events will be dependent on both Colstrip Public Schools and the Rosebud County Public Health Department.
- Failure to comply with the guidelines will result in removal from the event by an administrator, and could lead to a student's loss of the privilege to attend home events.

Future Level Designations:

- The Administrative Team is respectfully requesting approval to use their professional judgement and discretion to move the current guideline status of Phase 3 to a higher or lower level depending on the number of active COVID-19 cases in Rosebud County.
- It is our sincere hope that we are able to revisit the current guidelines in two weeks on September 7th or in four weeks on September 21st and move to Phase 4, with a goal of moving to Phase 5 by October 1st, if feasible.
- These changes will only happen if it is in the best interest of our student's health and safety.

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