



Dear DPS Families and Staff,

Durham Public Schools have updated COVID-19 protocols for the coming winter athletics and arts seasons. Please listen carefully to this important information:

Beginning November 1st, all indoor sporting and arts events will be limited to 50% of capacity.

For sporting events, 80% of the limited capacity will be for home team fans with the remaining 20% for visiting team fans. All spectators are required to wear masks and any spectators without masks will not be allowed into any venue. Bags are not allowed in any DPS athletic event and spectators may not reenter any athletic contest after leaving.

These policies are to ensure the health and safety of all student athletes, coaches, and fans during these winter months. Thank you for your cooperation.

UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR VOLUNTEERS AS WELL AS ALL WINTER ATHLETICS, ARTS, AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

VOLUNTEERS

Beginning November 1st, the following COVID protocols are required in order to become a DPS volunteer.

- All volunteers must be FULLY vaccinated for COVID-19.
- All volunteers must be screened upon entering the building.
- All volunteers must wear their mask appropriately and consistently at all times..
- All volunteers must depart immediately at the end of their shift.

WINTER ATHLETICS

Beginning November 1st, the following COVID Protocols will be in effect for all winter athletics.



Athletes

- Athletes are required to wear a face covering except when engaged in physical activity.
- Weekly testing is required for all unvaccinated athletes to play.

Spectators

- Indoor venues will be limited to 50% of capacity with the home team getting 80% and the visiting team 20%.
- All spectators are required to wear masks and any spectators without a mask will not be allowed into any venue.
- All concessions will be pre-packaged food and drinks, with a limited number of individuals working to allow for adequate spacing.
- Lobby areas for concessions will be clearly marked for adequate seating and spacing.
- Bags are not allowed in any DPS athletic event.
- Spectators may not reenter any athletic contest after leaving.

WINTER ARTS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Beginning November 1st, the following COVID Protocols will be in effect for all arts and extracurricular activities.

Participants

- While outdoors, teachers and performers are required to wear face coverings while not engaged in active performing.
- Weekly testing is required for all unvaccinated students to participate in activities.

Spectators

- All audience members (indoors) are required to wear masks. Community members without masks will not be allowed into any venue. Face masks will be provided for community members attending performances
- Audience members are expected to remain seated at all times.
- Congregating in open areas is strictly prohibited.