



## MCAA COVID-19 RESPONSE POLICY

Updated 09/16/2021

**Purpose:** To mitigate the risk of COVID-19 transmission among athletes, parents, coaches, and other volunteer staff.

**Environment:** Practice fields at Hyde Elementary and Moon Area Middle School, Tiger Stadium, and membership meeting forums.

**Objective:** Moon Crescent Athletic Association strives to continue to provide a safe, productive athletic environment for all participants and spectators. Given the current obstacles presented to us by the COVID-19 pandemic, this policy has been enacted in an effort to mitigate the risk of infection and transmission of COVID-19 among participants and their families.

**Strategies:** Using up-to-date best practices recommendations, we will monitor the health and wellbeing of the athletes, coaches, and volunteers. Guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control, PA Department of Health, Moon Area School District, and the Parkway Youth Football League will be strictly adhered to.

### Actions:

- Any participant who has had symptoms of a respiratory infection (cough, sore throat, change in taste/smell, fever of 100.4 or greater, muscle aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or fatigue) will be excluded from activities until symptoms/fever are no longer present.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all practices, games, and social events. Hand sanitizer will have an alcohol content of at least 60%.
- Portable bathroom facilities will be sanitized prior to and after activities, as well as intermittently throughout the duration of each activity. A CDC-recommended sanitizer/disinfectant will be used. Each bathroom will have hand sanitizer and stock will be checked prior to practices/games.
- Bathroom facilities at Tiger Stadium will be cleaned and sanitized prior to each game, intermittently during games, and at the end of game day. CDC-recommended sanitizer will be used.
- Equipment such as blocking pads, sleds, tackling dummies, and any other multi-use equipment, to include footballs, will be sanitized/disinfected prior to and after all practices and games.
- Each team will be assigned their designated training aids (blocking pads, balls, tackling wheel, etc.). These items will not be shared among other MCAA teams.
- Each child will be required to bring their own labeled water bottle to practices and games. Coaching staff is responsible for ensuring that water sources are not shared among players/cheerleaders.
- Social distancing measures will be in place during practice and game day operations when possible.



- At practices, parents will be asked to maintain proper social distancing while observing practice activities. Cheer practices will remain closed to parents at the discretion of the Cheer Commissioner.
- Coaches and volunteers may choose to wear face coverings; however, social distancing will be utilized to mitigate risk.
- Athletes will not be required to wear face coverings except in the event of indoor activities.
- In the event that a participant becomes ill or is suspected/confirmed positive for COVID-19 infection, the individual should immediately notify either their coach or a MCAA Board member. The individual should not return to MCAA activities until they have been cleared to return by a healthcare provider.
- Parents of MCAA athletes will be required to sign a COVID-19 Liability Waiver (Attachment 1).
- A Daily Health Screening questionnaire must be completed for all practices and games (Attachment 2). Screenings will be collected at the beginning of each practice and game. The head coach of each team/squad will keep these screenings in the team binder. Any athlete who has not submitted a Daily Health Assessment Form will not be permitted to remain at practice/games.

Game Day: Game day operations will follow all guidelines and directives set forth by MASD

Required Equipment:

- CDC-approved sanitizer/disinfected
- Pump Sprayer x 2
- Hand sanitizer (containing at least 60% alcohol)
- No-touch thermometers x 2

Performance Indicators: Directives in this policy will be continuously reviewed to ensure strict adherence to the evolving recommendations set forth by the PA Department of Health, Moon Area School District, and the Parkway Youth Football League. Should it be found at any point during the season that we are unable to safely provide this sporting experience, a board vote will be held to discuss suspension of the remainder of the season.

Disclosure: As recommendations evolve, this policy will be amended to satisfy the most current recommendations. The purpose of this policy is not to supersede recommendations set forth by the PA Department of Health and/or Moon Area School District.

Quarantining:

Upon being notified of an individual with a positive PCR test for COVID 19, MCAA will identify any participants with close contact to that individual. Close contacts are identified as having spent at least 15 minutes within six feet of the individual without a properly worn mask. If both individuals were properly wearing a mask, the distance is reduced to three feet. Any individual exposed outside of MCAA events that has been asked to quarantine by the school district or department of health must remain out of MCAA events for the duration of their contact. Any individual exposed to COVID 19 during MCAA



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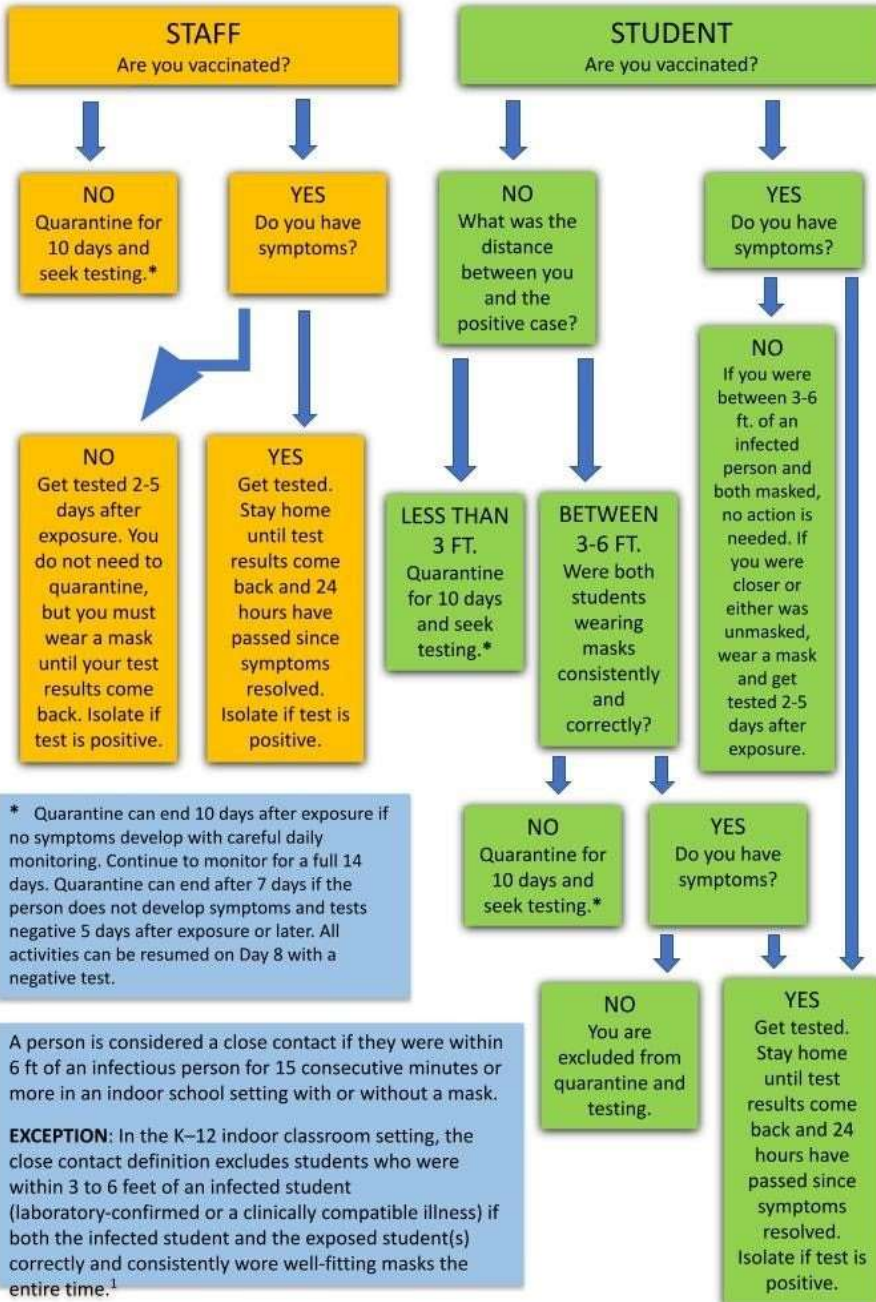
activities will be notified of their exposure date. The parents of the children exposed will be informed to quarantine their child for a period of 10 days. If the child does not develop symptoms within that 10 day period after their known exposure, they may return to MCAA activities. A quarantined individual may return early if they provide proof of a negative PCR covid test collected at least five days after the start of their quarantine period.



## COVID-19 Quarantine Guidance Flowchart

K-12 schools

**Close Contact**  
 Are you staff or a student?



\* Quarantine can end 10 days after exposure if no symptoms develop with careful daily monitoring. Continue to monitor for a full 14 days. Quarantine can end after 7 days if the person does not develop symptoms and tests negative 5 days after exposure or later. All activities can be resumed on Day 8 with a negative test.

A person is considered a close contact if they were within 6 ft of an infectious person for 15 consecutive minutes or more in an indoor school setting with or without a mask.  
**EXCEPTION:** In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.<sup>1</sup>



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Attachment 1

## Waiver for Allowing Student-Athletes to Participate in Moon Crescent Athletic Association Cheer and Football Activities

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for your patience as we have been preparing for implementing our return to participation plan for Moon Crescent Athletic Association cheer and football activities. Our plan includes daily health symptoms and temperature reporting prior to participation in any team activity, promoting good hygiene, utilization of hand sanitizer, encouraging social distancing through spacing and reduced group size, no shared water bottles and utilizing masks as appropriate.

We understand and acknowledge that \_\_\_\_\_'s participation in the Moon Crescent Athletic Association's athletic program and related events and activities, including tournaments, games, and training by their respective teams and coaches may pose dangers and risks of possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases, including but not limited to influenza and COVID-19. I understand that while rules and procedures may be in play to reduce risk, the danger of serious illness or death remains. I understand that the Moon Area School District and Moon Crescent Athletic Association assume no responsibility for any and all illness, disability, death, or loss or damage to person or property in connection with his or her participation.

I hereby waive, release, and discharge the Moon Area School District, MCAA Coaches, Moon Area Administrators, and Moon Crescent Athletic Association from any and all liabilities or claims, financial or otherwise, made as a result of participation in the Moon Crescent Athletic Association athletic program and related events and activities.

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Participant Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sport

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Parent/Guardian Name  
Attachment 2

Date

### MCAA Daily Health Screening Form

1. Athlete's first and last name:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Have you had close contact with, or cared for, someone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 14 days?  
  
 Yes  
  
 No
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Have you experienced any cold or flu-like symptoms in the last 14 days including fever, cough, sore throat, respiratory illness or difficulty breathing?  
  
 Yes  
  
 No
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. What is your body temperature today?

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_