



## Athletic Department

### Return to Competition Protocols – Winter 2020-2021

The following protocols are for the Father Gabriel Richard High School Athletic Department during the 2020-2021 school year. These protocols will stay in effect as long as we remain in Phase 4 of the MI Safe Schools: Return to School Roadmap. These protocols are subject to change as the Michigan High School Athletic Association updates their policies. Upon any changes, these protocols will be communicated to our community.

1. **Athlete Expectations:** Due to the Executive Order 176, all athletes must wear a face covering at all times. This order affects the following winter sports:
  - a. Boys Basketball
  - b. Girls Basketball
  - c. Ice Hockey
  - d. Coed Swimming (when not competing)
  - f. Competitive Cheerleading
  - g. Competitive Dance
  - h. Boys and Girls Bowling
  
2. **Spectator Expectations:**
  - a. All spectators must wear a facial covering.
  - b. Spectators not from the same household must practice social distancing by maintaining 6 feet of distance. Father Gabriel Richard has clearly marked 6-foot increments sections in the bleacher.
  - c. Spectators will be screened upon admission using the NFHS Covid-19 Screening Questionnaire. If a spectator answers “Yes” to any of these questions, they will not be admitted.
    - i. Have you developed a new or unusual cough in the last 24 hours?
    - ii. Have you had unusual or uncommon shortness of breath in the last 24 hours?
    - iii. Have you had an unusual sore throat in the last 24 hours?
    - iv. Have you had a fever over 100.3° in the last 24 hours?
    - v. Have you had close contact, or cared for someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 24 hours?
  - d. All spectators will enter through the main entrance of the gym.
  - e. We ask all spectators to immediately exit the building upon the completion of all competitions. This will allow for sanitizing, social distancing, and new admittance for the next game.
  
3. **Admissions:** In accordance with Executive Order 176, we are permitted to allow **(2) guests per participant during the winter season**. This includes athletes from both the home and away team, coaches, athletic trainers, games management, and officials.
  - a. We will **not** charge admission as long as our spectator limitation is in effect.
  - b. For indoor events, all spectators must sit in the bleachers in our main gym.
  - c. We will track the number of spectators admitted by using the rosters provided for both home and away teams as our checklist. Only (2) spectators per participant.
  - d. All spectators will be identified beforehand by the athletes supplying a name of their spectators. We will provide the admission table with a list of all approved spectators.

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4. **Locker Rooms:** Locker rooms will be provided for the winter sports of Boys' Basketball and Girls' Basketball. Ice Hockey locker rooms will be dependent upon the policies of the Ice Arena that is hosting the game. Athletes for all other sports are expected to arrive to the site dressed and prepared for the competition.
5. **Concessions:** Concessions will **not** be provided as long as we are in Phase 4 of the MI Safe Schools: Return to School Roadmap. This is in accordance with the MHSAA protocols regarding indoor events.
6. **Bathroom Locations & Policies:**
  - a. For indoor events, please use the main entrance for admission and the bathrooms located at the main entrance of our main gym. Reference the image at the end of this document.
7. **Live Stream:** For all spectators who are unable to attend our home events, we hope to provide a live stream via our Athletic Facebook page. Please request to be a member of the "Father Gabriel Richard High School Athletics" Facebook group if you have not done so already. This streaming process will be available as long as we have a volunteer available to record and stream our home events.
8. **Transportation:** Transportation to away events will be provided by Father Gabriel Richard High School upon request from the coach. If a school van or bus is being used for the purpose of transporting athletes to events, the following guidelines will be followed:
  - a. All riders will be required to use hand sanitizer before entering a school bus. Hand sanitizer will be supplied on the bus.
  - b. The bus driver, staff, and all students will wear facial coverings while on the bus.
  - c. Vehicles will be cleaned and disinfected before and after every transit route.
  - d. Frequently touched surfaces in the vehicle (e.g., surfaces in the driver's cockpit, hard seats, arm rests, door handles, doors and windows, and grab handles) will be cleaned and disinfected prior to routes.

Additional guidance and protocols can be found on the Michigan High School Athletic Association website at <https://www.mhsaa.com/sports>



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