



## Athletic Department

### Return to Competition Protocols

The following protocols are for the Father Gabriel Richard High School Athletic Department 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 fall sports:
  - a. Boys and Girls Cross Country
  - b. Boys Soccer
  - c. Boys Tennis
  - d. Equestrian
  - e. Field Hockey
  - f. Football
  - g. Girls Golf
  - h. Sideline Cheerleading
  - i. Sideline Dance
  - j. Volleyball
  - a. Every participant should confirm that they are healthy and without any symptoms prior to any event.
  - b. All equipment must be disinfected before and after use.
  - c. Each participant must use a clearly marked water bottle for individual use. There should be no sharing of this equipment.
  - d. Handshakes, fist bumps, and other unnecessary contact must not occur.
  - e. Athletes are permitted to sit in the away side bleachers to ensure distancing between athletes while they are not competing. The home side bleachers are for spectators only.
2. **Spectator Expectations:**
  - a. All spectators must wear a mask.
  - b. Spectators not from the same household must practice social distancing by maintaining 6 feet of distance.
  - c. We ask all spectators to perform a self-screening before arriving to our facility by answering the following questions. 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. We ask all spectators, athletes, coaches, games managers, officials, to stay home if they exhibit any of the following symptoms:

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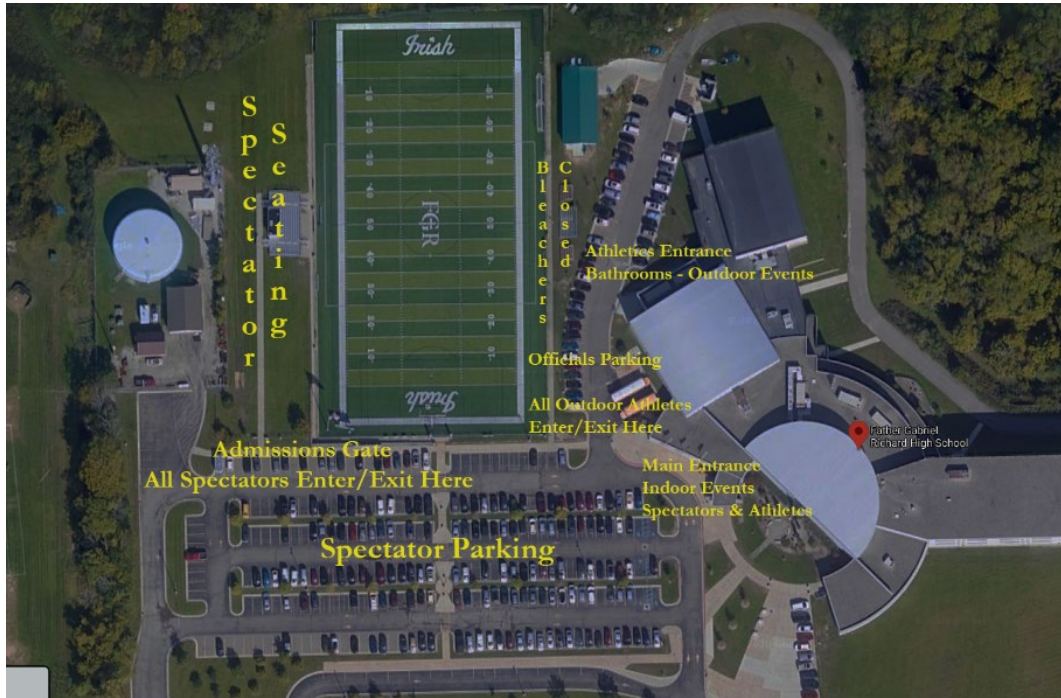
- i. Fever, unusual cough, unusual shortness of breath, muscle aches, severe tiredness, chills, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, runny nose or sore throat.
3. **Admission:** In accordance with Executive Order 176, we are permitted to allow (2) guests per participant. This includes athletes from both 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. Spectators who are admitted to an outdoor event must sit on the home side of our field.
  - c. For indoor events, all spectators must sit in the bleachers in our main gym.
  - d. We will track the number of spectators admitted by using the rosters for both home and away teams as our checklist.
4. **Bathroom Locations & Policies:** Our restrooms will be open for use.
  - a. For outdoor events, please use the FGR Athletics Entrance and the Auxiliary Gym bathrooms. See the map located at the end of this document.
  - b. For indoor events, please use the main entrance for admission and the bathrooms located at the main entrance of our main gym. See the map located at the end of this document.
5. **Locker Rooms:** Locker rooms will be provided for Football and Volleyball only. All athletes of other sports are expected to arrive to the site already dressed and prepared for the competition.
6. **Concessions:** Concessions will **not** be provided as long as we are in Phase 4 of the MI Safe Schools: Return to School Roadmap.
7. **Live Stream:** For all spectators that are unable to attend our home events, we hope to provide a live stream via our Athletic Facebook group. Please request to be a member of the “Father Gabriel Richard High School Athletics” Facebook group if you have not done so already. Streaming will be available as long as we have a parent volunteer available to record and stream our home event. Again, it is our hope to be able to live stream home events, but we will need parent volunteers to step forward to record our competitions.
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.

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- 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.
- e. Weather permitting, doors and windows will be open when cleaning the vehicle and between trips to let the vehicles thoroughly air out.



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