

Millersburg Area School District and Upper Dauphin Area School District Sports Cooperative
Joint Statement on Extracurricular Activities
October 19, 2020

On October 8, 2020, the Millersburg Area and Upper Dauphin Area School Districts issued a statement containing revised spectator levels for extracurricular activities. Part of that statement read, "The administrative teams of both districts will continually evaluate the spectator levels and make decisions for future events based on criteria identified in the Addendum to the Extracurricular Health and Safety Plan." Based on that evaluation, the administrative teams have developed a modification to the spectator levels for varsity football games.

Beginning with the football game against Fleetwood on October 23, 2020, the following activity and spectator rules will take effect.

- The entire football team will be present, and two spectator passes per football participant will be issued.
- The entire cheerleading squad will be present, and two spectator passes per cheerleading participant will be issued.
- The entire band (Millersburg Area and Upper Dauphin Area) will be present.
 - Two spectator passes per senior band member will be issued.
 - One spectator pass per underclassman band member will be issued.
- No extra passes or tickets will be sold or given out other than those listed above.
- Away spectators will not be allowed.
- Individuals without passes are not allowed to view the game from on school property.

It is important to understand that the Amendment to the Order of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Directing Mitigation Measures established two criteria related to the occupancy of venues:

1. Twenty-five (25) percent of maximum occupancy; and
2. Compliance with six (6) foot social distancing requirements.

Consequently, the school districts must look at occupancy with six (6) foot social distancing requirements in place. The districts have determined that occupancy to be much lower than the twenty-five (25) percent number for the stadium.

To help ensure six (6) foot social distancing requirements, the districts require the following:

1. Spectators must be in designated seating areas of the bleachers (bleacher seating is not guaranteed), designated standing/seating areas around the interior fence line (around the track), or designated standing/seating areas in the end zone.
2. When in the bleachers, spectators are asked to sit in designated seats that are marked with orange tape and not sit in areas that are marked as non-seating areas.
3. When along the fence or in the end zone, spectators are asked to stand/sit in the areas marked by orange paint and avoid areas marked with white paint.
4. At no time may spectators enter the contest area including the track, bench areas, or playing field areas.
5. Be aware of and respect social distancing separation with other spectators and wear face coverings at all times while in the venue.
6. After the contest, do not congregate on school grounds.

It is the desire of both school districts to provide a safe environment for all involved, and to continue to be able to provide in-person instruction to students. It is also the desire of both districts to continue to provide extracurricular opportunities for our students. Compliance with the pass restrictions, social distancing and face covering requirements are paramount for the health, safety, and well-being of all involved. Failure to comply with these rules may result in spectators not being allowed into future events.