

## **Athletic Directors and Football Coaches,**

As we continue into fall seasons, it is **critical** that schools are diligent in following these risk-mitigation guidelines. Schools are still **required** to follow Governor Abbott's [Executive Order GA-29](#) related to face coverings. Schools may allow spectators to attend contests up to a maximum of 50% of a venue's capacity, provided appropriate spacing as prescribed in the guidelines is maintained. UIL has posted some sample [pre-game](#) and [public address](#) announcements online that schools may use to help remind spectators of the guidelines to be followed.

Schools not following these guidelines are subject to **sanctions**, including suspension of contests or discontinuation of public access to games, by the local UIL District Executive Committee and/or UIL State Executive Committee.

### **Points of Emphasis from [Executive Order GA-29](#) concerning Face Coverings:**

- All employees, parents, visitors and students ten years of age or older **must** wear face coverings or face shields upon entry to an area where UIL activities are being conducted and when not actively practicing or playing in the contest, unless an exception listed below applies.
  - Exceptions:
    - When a congregating group of persons maintains at least 6 feet of social distancing; or
    - Any other reason or circumstance indicated under [Executive Order GA-29](#).
- Coaches **should** have face coverings on at all times unless they fall under one of the exceptions.
- Players not actively participating in a contest **should** have face coverings on at all times unless they fall under one of the exceptions.
- Parents, visitors, spectators and students should have face coverings on at all times unless they fall under one of the exceptions.

### **Points of Emphasis concerning Spectators, Audiences, Fans and Media found in [UIL COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Guidelines](#):**

- Schools may allow spectators to attend games, contests, or events within a **maximum 50% capacity limitation**, provided that appropriate spacing between spectators is maintained according to the protocol, and according to the following:
- Spectators, audiences, fans and media are required to wear face coverings as described in Executive Order GA-29.

### **Additional Reminders for Games:**

- Coaches and players should maintain 6 feet of distance from chain crew members
- Face coverings should be of solid color and may have a school logo
- There shall be NO postgame handshake between teams following the game

Thank you for all of your work leading up to the season and for your continued work throughout the remainder of the season. If you have any question that we can assist you with, please contact us at [athletics@uiltexas.org](mailto:athletics@uiltexas.org)

Sincerely,

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