Superintendents,

UIL has posted updated [UIL COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Guidelines](https://www.uiltexas.org) on the UIL website, effective September 1, 2020. These changes are consistent with updates recently posted to [TEA Guidance](https://www.tea.texas.gov).

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](https://www.governor.texas.gov/executive-orders/ea-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](https://www.uiltexas.org) and [public address](https://www.uiltexas.org) announcements online that schools may use to help remind spectators of the guidelines to be followed.

In Texas, we are fortunate to be competing in fall seasons when so many states across the country are not. We greatly appreciate the efforts of school leaders to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19. For students to have the opportunity to continue to compete in UIL activities this school year, we all must remain diligent in following these guidelines. Schools not following these guidelines are subject to sanctions by the local UIL District Executive Committee and/or UIL State Executive Committee.

Thank you for continuing to work to provide students with an opportunity to compete in UIL competitions.

Sincerely,

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