

RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES

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Yesterday, County Executive Steuart Pittman announced new initiatives designed to protect county residents from the resurgent coronavirus. Based on this announcement and guidance from Department of Health please find the updated Rec and Parks guidelines for 'Return to Play' below. We are hopeful that with cooperation from all and compliance to the guidelines everyone will be safe and allow the progress that has been made to continue.

Beginning Friday, July 10, 2020:

As practice and game play have returned it is important that everyone continues to observe ALL social distancing guidelines.

- Coaches, players and spectators should wear a mask until they enter the field of play and follow physical distancing guidelines (6 feet away or more) whenever possible. In addition, coaches, players and spectators should adhere to the [State Guidance on Sports Best Practices](#).
 - When on the playing field players do not need to wear mask, however when they return to the sidelines if they cannot practice safe social distancing they should wear a mask.
 - **ALL** coaches and spectators not observing social distancing must wear a mask
- Players on the sidelines should be spaced out. Players should place their bags, water, etc. at a reasonable distance apart and return to their bag during breaks. Each player should remain at their bag until they return to the field or leave. Important that coaches reinforce this throughout the training sessions.
- When scheduling multiple teams on the same fields we recommend that you allow at least 30 minutes between the beginning and end of each practice.
- Players/coaches should avoid or limit contact, such as
 - **high fives, team huddles, arms around players, snacks, sharing water bottles/drinks, etc.**
- ***Tournaments/Sporting Events that were scheduled for July and August prior to COVID-19 will be allowed to proceed as scheduled after JULY 1, 2020.***
 - New or rescheduled events for July and August will be considered on a case by case basis.
- For more information on the Best Practices guidelines please go to:

https://commerce.maryland.gov/Documents/BusinessResource/FAQs_Social%20Gatherings_final.pdf