

FOOTBALL FAN COVID-19 REGULATIONS

As we prepare for Marvell Academy's first home football game of the season tomorrow night, I would like to give you the rules and regulations that govern being able to return to play. Playing sports is certainly something that our students want, and has been given the "go ahead" by the MAIS and by the Arkansas Department of Health. However, to be able to host the game and have sports, it will be different from in the past. Arkansas and Mississippi have different guidelines, but being able to help our athletes have sports, we, as fans, will have to be a part of the team! We have to obey the rules and give them a chance to have a season. Below are the most recent (as of August 14) regulations from the Arkansas Department of Health for large outdoor venues for school-sponsored team sports for both private and public schools that you will all need to follow if you plan to be at the game tomorrow night.

- There will be a reduced capacity for the ballgame to maintain 6-foot physical distance from other spectators at all time. Single household family groups may sit together, but 6-feet must be maintained from all other groups or individuals. This is a more stringent guideline than was in effect last week when the jamboree was held.
- Bleacher seating has been marked off with tape to help you maintain the distance guideline. Please look around and make sure you distance yourself from other individuals or family groups. Every other row will be left open.
- Because bleacher seating is limited, you may want to bring chairs to place on the spots marked on the ground to provide 6-foot distancing. This does not mean that an entire family group can put all of their chairs together on that one spot and be closer than 6-feet to the next group of chairs.
- Face coverings are REQUIRED for all persons present, except for children under the age of 10 years old. Face coverings should remain in place even when attendees are seated and maintaining required physical distancing. NOTE: Face coverings may be removed in order to consume food or beverage, but should be in place immediately afterwards.
- There will be markers for concessions and restrooms to promote physical distance of 6-feet.
- Our concession menu will be limited due to regulations and the lack of workers. At this time, there will only be one line open. Please maintain physical distancing while waiting in line at the concession stand. We will make every effort to move you through the line as quickly as possible.
- Cheerleaders will cheer according to the AR Department of guidelines for cheer. Their sponsor will be monitoring the cheerleaders at all times.
- The student section bleacher seating will be limited. A section next to those bleachers will be marked for students to bring chairs to sit 6-feet apart.
- Children will be the responsibility of parents at the game. Our younger students like to play close to the baseball dugout. There should be no touching, tackling, or huddling up together in small, close groups. Throwing and catching balls at a distance is appropriate.
- Payment for entry to the game will be the same as in the past. The gate workers will have on face-coverings and gloves while working the gate.
- Cleaning and disinfecting will be done before during and after the game.
- If you are 65 years of age or older and/or have underlying health conditions, you may want to refrain from entering.

If you cannot attend the game, please join us online. The game will be broadcast through the MA Live group on Facebook. You will need to request to join, if not already part of the group.