

Liberty Christian Academy Athletic COVID-19 Polices



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Liberty Christian Academy is working hard to prevent the spread of contagious/infectious diseases. We are following the OHSAA guidelines for schools, the Licking County Health Department, and the State of Ohio Department of Health Orders (R.C. 3701.13) that are all related to COVID-19.

1. The Head of School, Athletic Director, along with the COVID coordinator shall create and modify any athletic policies related to the use and purpose of gym space, locker rooms, bleachers, and field spaces.
2. Participants, Coaches, and Spectators must wear face coverings at all times except for the reasons stated in the Directors Order for Facial coverings and must consider the following exemptions:
 - a. Under 10 years old
 - b. Medical conditions: respiratory, mental, or a disability that contradicts wearing a face covering.
 - c. Communication problems: hearing impaired, disability where a person must see the other person's mouth move.
 - d. Individuals that are seated and consuming food and/or beverage.
 - e. Active broadcast communicators.
 - f. The player is actively involved in play on the court, field, or arena.
3. Spatial Distancing between groups of people/families must be maintained with at least 6 feet.
4. Health assessments and temperature checks will be completed by coaches prior to every practice and game. These health assessments will be kept for a period of 3 months. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>
5. Excerpt taken straight from the OHSAA handbook:
 - a. The following items are **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**: Each school should develop and implement a daily pre-participation screening for all student athletes, coaches, athletic trainers, and other school personnel, in consultation with local health department authorities. Note that all students shall obtain a focused medical history and physical examination within the timeline as required by OHSAA Bylaw 3-5-1 (every 13 months). Screening tools include: temperature screen (a fever is one possible COVID-19

symptom), symptoms assessment (see “COVID-19 Symptoms” section). When testing becomes widely available, a routine testing program might be considered.

6. Liberty Christian Academy has no plans for routine COVID testing of coaches, athletes, or participants at this time.
7. **Be assured that when a positive case of COVID-19 occurs that affects your athlete, you will be told within 24 hours. You will be notified by the school nurse. When you don't hear of a positive case of COVID-19, know that the precautions in place are working to protect you, your families, coaches, staff, and students.**
8. We will abide by the OHSAA best practice guidelines as established by the OHSAA. <https://ohsaa.org/news-media/articles/ohsaa-releases-return-to-play-guidelines-and-sport-specific-recommendations>
9. Additional resources: <https://ohsaa.org/Home/OHSAA-covid-19-coorespondence> for the most recent OHSAA updates regarding COVID.
10. Coaches and student athletes: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/responsible-restart-ohio/sector-specific-operating-requirements/sector>