



CENTER GROVE

COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION

RETURN TO SCHOOL

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Extracurricular/Athletics EVENTS GUIDE

Our plan is to keep students, staff and the community safe during the COVID pandemic, while maintaining our vision:

ALL STUDENTS RECEIVE AN EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.
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This plan may change as public health guidelines are updated.



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INTRODUCTION

Center Grove Schools has developed restrictions for participants and spectators at public events hosted for extracurricular activities and athletics during the Fall season of 2020 to help stop the spread of COVID-19. This plan follows the recommendations and guidance of the CDC, Governor, Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), National Federation of High Schools (NFHS), State and Johnson County health departments and will be modified as necessary based on new guidance.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Center Grove High School athletic events during the Fall season of 2020 will limit spectator attendance to **75% of the overall outdoor venues and 50% of indoor venues** with all participants and spectators required to wear face coverings while entering, exiting, and for the duration of the game, and remain socially distanced.

HS FOOTBALL

PARTICIPANTS

- With the new NFHS rule, players will be allowed to stretch from the 10 yard line to 10 yard line on both sides of the field. Players, when not on the field, will wear masks.
- In lieu of congratulatory handshakes at the end of the game, players and coaches will line up on the hashmarks and give a gesture of sportsmanship to the opposing team.
- Cheerleaders will be limited to varsity only, socially distanced on the track. (Previously all three squads participated.)
- Dance Team will be limited to varsity only, socially distanced behind the north end zone.
- Choral groups will be permitted to sing the National Anthem with face coverings and appropriate social distancing.

SPECTATORS

- Home side seating is limited to 2,700 seats, which is 75% of the available 3,600. These will be available for purchase online, and if not sold out, would be sold at the North ticket booth and the Southwest ticket booth beginning one hour prior to game time.



- North bleachers will be closed. The CGHS band will spread out and occupy that entire section.
- South bleachers will be closed. Freshmen football players, any JV players not dressing, and local EMTs will occupy those seats, socially distanced.
- Visitor bleachers will be limited to 1,125, which is 75% seats of the available 1,500. These would be purchased online, and if not sold out, would be sold at the North ticket booth beginning one hour prior to game time.
- Visiting players, coaches and game officials will have their own, exclusive entrance for entering and exiting.
- Restrooms and concession stands, which will serve only pre-packaged foods and bottled liquids, are located on both sides of the field allowing Home and Visiting spectators to use their own specific facilities.
- Sidelines will be restricted to essential personnel.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL/MEDIA

- The press box will contain only essential personnel, with only one reporter from the Indianapolis Star, one reporter from the Daily Journal, a crew of four socially distanced who will web stream the game, an announcer, a scoreboard operator, a 40-second clock operator, a video board operator, with only six individuals in each suite.

HS VOLLEYBALL

PARTICIPANTS

- Team benches will be socially distanced with team members wearing masks when sitting out.
- In lieu of congratulatory handshakes at the end of the game, players, coaches, and officials (in the middle) will line up across the court from each other and give a gesture of sportsmanship to the opposing team.

SPECTATORS

- Center Grove High School's Vandermeer Gymnasium, which has a capacity of 4,800, will be limited to 2,400 spectators, which is 50% capacity. This is well beyond our average attendance the last several years, so fans will have ample opportunities to socially distance.



- Tickets will be purchased online, and if not sold out, will be sold at the East ticket booth one half hour prior to game time.
- There are three sets of restrooms for public use.
- Two concessions stands – serving only pre-packaged food and bottled liquids – will be located at opposite ends of the gymnasium.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL/MEDIA

- The three 12-foot scorer's tables will be limited to two essential personnel at each table.
- The four 12-foot media tables (at each corner of the gym) will be open for socially distanced media coverage.

HS BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER

PARTICIPANTS

- Team benches will be socially distanced with team members wearing masks when sitting out.
- Sidelines will have players, coaches and only essential personnel, spread out accordingly.
- In lieu of congratulatory handshakes at the end of the game, players, coaches and officials (in the middle) will line up across mid-field from each other and give a gesture of sportsmanship to the opposing team.
- Visiting players, coaches and game officials will have their own, exclusive entrance for entering and exiting.

SPECTATORS

- Seating will be capped at 75% capacity of the 1,000 seats with home side seating limited to 450 spectators and visitor seating limited to 300 spectators.
- Tickets will be purchased online, and if not sold out, will be sold at the South ticket booth one half hour prior to game time.
- An attendant with a clicker will keep accurate numbers of individuals entering and exiting.
- The lone concession stand, serving only pre-packaged food and bottled liquids, will keep patrons socially distanced, if there is a line.



SCHOOL PERSONNEL/MEDIA

- The press box will have essential personnel with one scoreboard operator and one announcer at one window and a filming person at the other window.

HS EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

PARTICIPANTS

- Students will wear masks when the activity does not require removal.
 - i.e. playing a musical instrument
- Face shields will be worn when on stage and in close proximity to others whenever possible.
- In lieu of congratulatory gatherings in the Hall of Excellence following performances, additional opportunities to provide group recognition will be built into the end of programs.

SPECTATORS

- Spectator seating will be limited to 50% capacity for indoor events.
 - Center Grove High School's Auditorium has a total seating capacity of 1,195.
 - At 50% capacity, 597 seats will be spread out between the 7 sections.
 - Tickets will be purchased online.
 - The lone concession stand, serving only pre-packaged food and bottled liquids, will keep patrons socially distanced, if there is a line.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL/MEDIA

- The Auditorium sound booth and stage will have essential personnel only.
- This number varies based on the type and complexity of the production, but will be kept to the minimum number that allows for an efficient and safe event.
- Personnel will wear face coverings throughout the event.



MIDDLE SCHOOL ECA/ATHLETICS

Center Grove middle school athletic events during the Fall season of 2020 will limit spectator attendance to **75% capacity for spectators at outdoor events and 50% capacity for spectators at indoor events**. All participants and spectators will be required to wear face coverings while entering, exiting, and for the duration of the game, and remain socially distanced.

MS FOOTBALL

PARTICIPANTS

- With the new NFHS rule, players will be allowed to stretch from the 10 yard line to 10 yard line on both sides of the field. Players, when not on the field, will wear masks.
- In lieu of congratulatory handshakes at the end of the game, players and coaches will line up on the hashmarks and give a gesture of sportsmanship to the opposing team.
- Dance Team will perform at the first halftime of designated games and socially distance at the North end of the stadium along the fence prior to performance.
- Cheerleaders will be socially distanced on the track.
- In lieu of large choral groups, individuals will sing the National Anthem or a recording will be played.

SPECTATORS

- Seating will be limited to **75% capacity** for spectators.
- Names and phone numbers of all spectators will be collected during the ticketing process.
- Tickets will be purchased at the gate outside of the stadium one hour prior to the game.
- The lone concession stand, serving only pre-packaged food and bottled liquids, will keep patrons socially distanced, if there is a line.
- There will be one set of restrooms for public use.
- Sidelines will be restricted to essential personnel.



SCHOOL PERSONNEL/MEDIA

- The press box will contain only essential personnel, 1 announcer, and 1 scoreboard operator and 1 cheer coach for music at half-time only.

MS VOLLEYBALL

PARTICIPANTS

- Team benches will be socially distanced with team members wearing masks when sitting out.
- In lieu of congratulatory handshakes at the end of the game, players, coaches, and officials (in the middle) will line up across the court from each other and give a gesture of sportsmanship to the opposing team.

SPECTATORS

- MSN's Trojan Gymnasium has a capacity of 1,450 and MSC's East Gym has a capacity of 1,024. Both MSC and MSN will be limited to **50% capacity** for spectators. This will allow spectators to socially distance.
- MSN and MSC's Aux Gymnasiums both have capacity of 650 and will be limited to **50% capacity** (487) for spectators.
- Tickets will be sold at the door until capacity has been reached. Name and phone numbers of all spectators will be collected during the ticketing process. Tickets will be sold at the ticket booth outside of the gym one hour prior to game time.
- There are 2 sets of restrooms for public use.
- 1 concession stand – serving only pre-packaged food and bottled liquids – will be located outside of the gymnasium.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL/MEDIA

- The 8-foot scorers' table will be limited to essential personnel: 1 scoreboard operator and 1 official scorebook person.



MS CROSS COUNTRY

PARTICIPANTS

- The starting line will be extended so that runners can socially distance at the start of the race.
- When athletes are called to the starting line, the official will start the race within 5 minutes.
- There will be no runouts prior to the race.
- Attempts will be made to widen the wooded path on the course.
- Separate races will be run for the boy's and girl's teams to limit runners at the start line.
- The chute at the finish line will be extended and coaches will keep runners as far away from one another as possible.
- To address congestion at the end of the race, no FAT timing service will be used. MSC will be responsible to time the top 15 places in each race for the purpose of scoring the meet. For runners placing 16 and beyond, visiting schools will be responsible for their runner's times and places, if so desired.
- At the conclusion of the race, there will be a designated area for the teams to cool down and remain socially distant.
- No post-meet ceremony will occur. Ribbons will be handed to the coach with a copy of the finish.

SPECTATORS

- CGMSC ONLY: Tickets will be sold at the ticket booth one hour prior to the meet. Spectator capacity will be capped at 500. Names and phone numbers of all spectators will be collected during the ticketing process.
- CGMSN ONLY: Tickets will NOT be sold. Spectator capacity will be capped at 500. Names and phone numbers of all spectators will be collected.
- There will be no concession stand.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL/MEDIA

- Meet scoring/timing will be done in an area where social distancing can occur.