



Irondequoit High School Athletics

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Dear Irondequoit Families,

As we get ready to begin practices for varsity and junior varsity sports on Monday, Aug. 23rd, I wanted to share information regarding fall sports because some of it has changed since last spring. The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) [has stated](#) that member schools statewide should follow safety protocols aligned with [the latest guidance](#) from the NYS Education Department (NYSED), their local department of health and their own school district.

Updates:

- Monroe County Dept. of Public Health Commissioner, Dr. Michael Mendoza, supports schools following safety measures outlined by individual districts, including universal masking indoors and no masking or distancing recommendations for outdoor sports.
- There are no spectator limitations for indoor/outdoor sports. (Note: Spectators must wear face coverings while attending indoor events.)
- We are advising coaches and athletes to use locker rooms minimally (and be masked when in them). We also ask parents/guardians to make sure your children come to practices and games dressed in proper attire and to bring their own water bottles.
- We are not requiring daily health screenings of athletes and coaches. However, in alignment with district guidelines, students and coaches who have symptoms of infectious illness or COVID-19 should not report to practices or games. They should refer to their healthcare provider for care and testing, as needed. Individuals should remain home until symptoms subside or they test negative for COVID-19. Students should communicate information with their coaches before returning to participation. Coaches should do the same with the athletic director.
- All of these protocols should be followed regardless of vaccination status.

As always, our priority is the safety, health and well-being of our student-athletes, coaches and spectators. We will continue to provide regular updates, as needed, and appreciate your cooperation and communication. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office. You can also view the district's 2021-22 Reopening Plan at [this link](#).

Sincerely,

Kimberly A. Schon
Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics

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