



CHANDLER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

CUSD COVID-19 Guidelines Football

CUSD facilities, specific to the sport of Football, will follow all AIA ([AIA Media Recommendations](#), [AIA Fall Sports Recommendations](#)) and all CDC modifications that relate to each school within CUSD. The following protocols will be in place:

Game Management:

- **Communication to Visiting Programs/Workers:** It will be the site athletic director's responsibility to communicate CUSD game management guidelines all participants.
- **Screening Visiting Programs/Workers (Form C-3):** Site Athletic Director will create site protocol
 - All visiting programs/workers will be asked to confirm that all entities are cleared to participate (Signature recommended).
 - Program entities include but not limited to; Officials, Athletes, Football Staff, Sports Medicine Team, Spiritline, Marching Band, Film Crew, Administration, etc..
- **Hygiene/Face Coverings:** Sites must make availability to restrooms to wash hands if/when needed. Hand sanitizer should be made available if possible.
 - Face coverings must be worn. Individuals are responsible for their own face coverings.
 - Recommended to have hand sanitizer at each ingress/egress, press box, sidelines, etc.
 - Visiting Programs should be encouraged to bring their own sanitization
 - Athletes to wear face coverings as much as possible per AIA Modifications.
- **Security:** Security Guards guard will be site discretion on need.
 - Locations: Entrances (Cash Gates), Parking Lots, Common Areas (Bleacher/Concessions), etc..
- **Police:** Police presence will be site discretion/need.
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- **Ticket Takers/Sellers:** Ticket Takers/Sellers will be site discretion on need.
 - Ticketless/Cashless options recommended.
 - Utilize Ticket Booths if available.
- **Parking Lots:** Parking lots secured and available for designated personnel only.
 - Tailgating will not be permitted until spectators are permitted.
 - Parking adjustments will be made once spectators are permitted.
 - Site athletic director will determine visiting team transportation locations
- **Stadium Entry/Exit:** Appropriate ingress/egress will be evaluated and defined by site athletic director. Appropriate social distancing, with all participants in face coverings, will remain standard protocol during the event. Participants must leave immediately after game.
- **Spectators:** Facility capacity will vary and sites will be required to follow CDC guidelines for spectator attendance. Spectators will remain socially-distanced within the



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facility and wearing face coverings. Spectators must remain in the bleachers other than to use the restroom.

- **Spiritline/Marching Band:** Spiritline will be positioned behind their respective team on the track. Marching Band will be positioned in the bleachers behind their respective team and remain there through the duration of the game. Once spectators are permitted, bands may be relocated to track or behind the endzones.
 - Home team band will play National Anthem.
 - Home team may allow visiting team to play National Anthem.
 - Bands may utilize track or football field for National Anthem
 - Pregame/Halftime Performances
 - Bands are permitted to perform with cleared personnel organized by site athletic director. Personnel must leave after performance.
- **Concessions:** Concession stands will not be available until spectators are permitted to attend. Arizona Department of Health standards will be followed.
- **Sideline Personnel:** Persons on the sidelines (sideline personnel) should be restricted to players, coaches, athletic trainers, athletic directors, administration, media, and game administration personnel (chain crew, ball persons, etc.).
 - Sideline personnel must wear face masks.
 - Officials have the authority to notify game administration about unauthorized personnel and have them removed from the sideline.
 - Site athletic directors should consider using wristbands or lanyards to monitor sidelines.
 - Boosters, former players, faculty, etc will not be permitted on the sidelines.
 - District Administration must notify site athletic director if they plan on attending an event.
- **Sideline Management:** Athletic Directors will determine how to set up sideline for game personnel (administration, athletic trainers, Hudl/TV's, Media, School Groups, etc..)
 - Coaches will need to create a system to socially distance players and assistant coaches on the sidelines ('Get Back Coach', 'COVID Coach').
 - Coaches may limit 'game day' rosters to reduce numbers on the sidelines.
 - Inflatable tunnels will not be use until spectators are permitted.
- **Hydration:** All participants are to bring their own water bottles.
 - Site athletic directors will work with the Sports Medicine Team to refill bottles (i.e.-Trainer to wear gloves and face covering, dispense water, athlete to hold own bottle).
 - Visiting teams must bring bottles, etc for hydration.
- **Restroom Management:** Restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized prior to and during all competitions.
 - Recommended to monitor restroom usage when spectators can attend or during increased usage.
- **Locker Rooms:** Locker rooms will not be available to home or visiting teams



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- Home locker rooms may be used to pick up game equipment, dress, and to use the restroom.
 - Visiting teams are encouraged to warm-up at their home site and to arrive the venue close to pregame time.
 - Accommodations may be made for visiting teams traveling long distances.
- Restrooms will be made available for game officials.
- Game Countdown:
 - Recommendations from AIA (*Cerimeli/Gessner communication on 8/20/2020*)
 - Game Time: 7:00pm
 - Coin Toss: 6:57pm
 - Visiting Coach/Officials Meeting; 6:25pm
 - Home Coach/Officials Meeting: 6:20pm
 - Arrive to field not later than 6:15pm
 - Communication to officials if issues arise (traffic, transportation, etc)
- **Press Box:** Site athletic director will organize the Press Box as deemed appropriate (Coaches, Announcers, Statisticians, Scorekeeper/Clock Operators, etc).
 - Visiting coaches are encouraged to use the visiting bleachers as their 'press box'. Home team will make accommodations inside/outside of press box.
 - The press box should be off limits to all non-school personnel.
- **Streaming/TV:** Sites to allow for site live streaming broadcasts of their games should it require access within, on top or around the press box.
 - Additional non-school broadcasts approved by schools are recommended to be placed outside the press box with access to power in an area separated from fans at the game administrator's discretion.
 - Broadcasts occurring within the press box should only be allowed if proper safety and health guidelines can be followed.
- **Media/College Coaches:** Site athletic directors will create and identify postgame interview areas and have final say on placement and manner. AIA recommendations for interview areas (Diagram Below).
 - College coaches may utilize designated media areas.
- **Pregame:** Social distance during pregame as best as possible. Consider holding pregame outside if necessary.
- **Halftime:** Athletic directors will designate an outside location for all participants (officials, players, etc) during halftime.
- **Postgame:** No handshakes, high fives, fist bumps, hugs, etc. can should occur pre or post-match. Maintain social distancing prior to and following the contest.
 - Options:



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- Teams to line up across the field (endzone to endzone) on the numbers and raise helmets/hats to the opposing team.
 - Teams will proceed to respective endzones.
- **Other Areas:**
 - Equipment Technicians
 - Sanitization of Equipment before, during and after the game (Pylons, Markers, Balls, Headsets, etc)
 - Laundry (Post Game):
 - Student may bring home to wash.
 - Equipment Technicians/Athletic Director's discretion on decision to wash uniforms.
 - Sports Medicine (CUSD ATC's/Dignity Health to determine protocols):
 - Treatment by appointments
 - Taping for competition:
 - Taping will be on appointment, as needed basis.
 - Visiting teams are to come to facility with athletic training supplies and prepared (taped) for competition.
 - Hydration Practices
 - Etc..

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AIA Football Field Diagram (Media)

