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South Ripley Fall Athletics Event Plan

South Ripley Community Schools is pleased to be hosting sporting events during the Fall of 2020. We have engaged in a great deal of planning at the high school and junior high levels and have consulted with Ripley County Health Officer Dr. David Welsh to make sure we provide safe events. Fall athletic events, including cross country, soccer and volleyball, will be held at South Ripley under the following event plan:

Cross Country

- In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order which requires face coverings in public, all fans will be required to wear face coverings while attending South Ripley events. Since Cross Country is an outdoor event, the Executive Order allows face coverings to be removed when six feet of social distancing can be maintained.
- Athletes will be required to wear face coverings from the time they arrive until five minutes before the race begins. Teams will not be allowed to have a traditional 'run out', or huddle up before the meet. The starting line will be large enough to offer the required social distance between teams.
- At the end of the race runners will be instructed to keep moving out of the finish chute to maintain social distance. Runners will be instructed to wear their face covering after a reasonable recovery time when their race is over.
- Coaches will be required to wear a face covering around their athletes at all times.
- Each athlete will be required to bring his/her own supply of water for each event, as South Ripley will not provide drinks for athletes.

Soccer

- The soccer bleachers will be limited to 50% capacity to allow for social distancing. Lawn chairs will be allowed and must be placed with appropriate social distancing between families.
- In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order which requires face coverings in public, all fans will be required to wear face coverings while attending South Ripley events. Since soccer is an outdoor event, the Executive Order allows face coverings to be removed when six feet of social distancing can be maintained.
- Athletes will be required to wear face coverings from the time they arrive until they begin any form of strenuous exercise. Once strenuous exercise begins, athletes will be allowed to remove their face covering. Athletes and team personnel will be required to maintain social distance and wear a face covering while sitting on the team bench.

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- South Ripley will provide hand sanitizer near the concession stand and the bleacher area for each contest.
- Each athlete will be required to bring their own supply of water for each event, as South Ripley will not provide drinks for athletes.
- Concessions will be served. Only pre-packaged items will be sold. Fans are expected to maintain social distancing while waiting in line for concessions. No large congregations of fans will be allowed in any part of the facility.

Volleyball

- Attendance by fans will be allowed. According to IHSAA Guidelines, a maximum of 250 fans will be allowed in each set of bleachers. This puts a maximum of 500 fans in attendance at an event in the high school gym. The junior high gym bleachers will be limited to 50% capacity to allow for social distancing.
- When possible, junior high games will be played in the high school gym.
- We will have both sets of bleachers pulled out in the high school gym. The south side will be for South Ripley fans and the north side will be for visiting fans.
- Athletes will be required to wear face coverings from the time they arrive until they begin any form of strenuous exercise. Once strenuous exercise begins, athletes will be allowed to remove their face covering. Athletes and team personnel will be required to maintain social distance and wear a face covering while sitting on the team bench.
- The team bench will now be the first three rows of the permanent bleachers. We will not use the padded chairs this Fall in the high school gym. The first and third row will be used, while the second row will be marked off to allow for social distance. The fourth row will be marked off as well, and the fifth row and beyond will be used for spectator seating.
- South Ripley will provide hand sanitizer in the hallway near the concession stand and entry to the gym area for each contest.
- Each athlete will be required to bring their own supply of water for each event, as South Ripley will not provide drinks for athletes.
- Concessions will be served. Only pre-packaged items will be sold. Fans are expected to maintain social distancing while waiting in line for concessions. No large congregations of fans will be allowed in any part of the facility.

General comments applicable to all sports

- Family members will be allowed to sit together with appropriate distance placed between members of other families. Signs will be placed throughout the event area and administration will be on hand to ensure proper social distancing.
- In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order which requires face coverings in public, all fans will be required to wear face coverings while attending South Ripley events, with the exception for outdoor events at times when 6 feet of social distancing can be maintained.
- Student-athletes not eligible to participate in the contest will be required to wear a face covering. An example would be the junior varsity volleyball players watching the varsity match will be expected to wear a face covering.
- Opposing teams will have access to a locker room, but they will be encouraged to come dressed (to the best of their ability) and ready to participate. Access to locker rooms will be limited to only team personnel.
- Towels are not to be shared at any time throughout the contest. Each player will be required to provide their own and clearly marked with their name.

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- In case of inclement weather for outdoor events, attendees will be directed to seek shelter in their own vehicles. If weather concerns warrant, everyone will be directed to shelter in the one of the main school buildings.
- Any guests who are 65 years of age or older, have preexisting conditions, or are considered high-risk for COVID-19, should take additional precautions and consult with their medical provider before deciding to attend.
- **Anyone experiencing symptoms of respiratory illness such as fever, cough, chills, etc. on the day of the event must not attend.**
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the event and everyone in attendance is encouraged to practice good hand hygiene during the event.
- All event personnel (gate workers, concession, scoreboard operators, etc.) will wear face coverings until the completion of their assigned duties. At the conclusion, they will be required to wear face coverings when social distancing cannot be achieved.
- In addition to face coverings, gate workers and concession stand volunteers will wear gloves, which will be provided.
- Event workers will be required to wash hands prior to the start of their shift. Hand sanitizer will then be available at their stations.
- Concession workers will be required to wear both face coverings and gloves. Both will be provided if they do not bring their own.
- One concession worker will be designated to take the money, while the others will be taking and filling orders.
- Counter tops will be wiped down with disinfectant wipes on a regular basis throughout the duration of the contest.
- At the conclusion of each event, the concession stand manager will make sure utensils, countertops, coolers and containers are thoroughly cleaned. The school maintenance crew will follow up with another cleaning the next day prior to the next event.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the concession stand for use prior to ordering and handling their food/drinks.
- We will continue to monitor conditions surrounding the pandemic and Governor Holcomb's Back on Track Indiana plan, and will consult with Ripley County Health Officer Dr. David Welsh as needed.

Please keep in mind that the COVID-19 pandemic is an ever-changing situation and plans may need to be revised as circumstances dictate.