



EVENT GUIDANCE WESTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 10-21-2021

Good Evening Weston Public Schools Community,

In accordance with CDC and Weston Board of Health recommendations, the following guidance is being established for all events occurring on school property. This document is subject to change consistent with variations in case rates, vaccination levels, testing data, and local and state guidance.

Weston Public Schools has adopted a layered mitigation approach as a means of providing safe in-person instruction. These approaches are hereby extended to events occurring after school hours and on school property, and include: masking indoors regardless of vaccination status, distancing of three feet or more indoors, and remaining home and seeking testing when sick. Please refer to our [Mask Protocol](#) and [Covid Response Protocol](#) for specific practice questions.

Event Specific Guidance

For all events that occur indoors, on school property, and after school hours, the following apply:

- The events should be run in large, ventilated indoor spaces. For example, the high school gymnasium or middle school field house for athletics, the high school auditorium for performances, etc. Advanced [permission for building use](#) must be obtained in all cases.
- Limit of two spectators for each athlete/performer. Before each event, the Director or designee will email an attendance form to students and families. Families will enter the names of up to two guests who will be attending the event.
 - **Guest names will be checked at the entrance to events.**
- Family spectators must either be fully vaccinated against COVID, or if unvaccinated they must have had a negative COVID test within the last three days (72 hours).
- Masks are required indoors at all times, with the exception of athletes and performers for hydration purposes. No food or drinks are allowed by spectators.
- Family groups should keep at least one seat distant from other family groups.
- Please limit shouting, singing, or cheering to reduce release of aerosol droplets.
- Frequent hand hygiene using soap and water or hand sanitizer are encouraged.
- No food or drink at indoor events with the exception for athletes and performers as stated above. Food and drink can be served or eaten outside or in the cafeteria.
- Symptomatic individuals ***MUST*** stay home from school and all school events.
- Weston Board of Health approval required for all events involving food trucks.
- All homemade goods, for outdoor events, must be individually wrapped and products cleared by the Director of Health Services, and Building Administrator.

Building Use Application Process

Events occurring on school property outside of school hours require approval by the Building Administrator and the Superintendent. Completion and submission of [Weston Public Schools 'Building Use Form'](#) is required at least two weeks prior to the event. Please submit all forms to the Building Administrator for consideration. **All events require approval prior to the event. Any event occurring on building grounds without prior approval will be promptly terminated on site.**

****After school hours there is no school nurse present in the building. Call 911 for all emergencies. AEDs are clearly marked in each building.****

Capacity and Spacing Limits

Increasing capacity at events directly increases the risk for transmission of COVID-19. Increased spacing between attendees from different households while indoors substantially lowers this risk. Current capacity limits are set by venue at indoor events, and include athletes/performers, support staff/coaches, and visitors. Please refer to additional guidance from Michael McGrath, WPS Athletic Director or Christopher Memoli, WPS Performance Director for specifics around room layouts.

Masking Indoors

Masking has proven one of the single most effective mitigation measures against COVID-19. Consistent and correct mask usage significantly lowers the risk of transmission. All attendees will be required to mask at all times during indoor events. Exceptions will be allowed for athletes and performers for hydration purposes.

Food at Events

No food or drink will be allowed indoors at any events with exceptions made for athletes and performers for hydration purposes. Outdoor dining is encouraged at events. Contracted vendors, such as food trucks, require prior approval by the Weston Board of Health. Please contact Beth Ann Boles at (781)786-5030 for application guidance. If you plan to provide homemade food items for sale please contact the Building Administrator or the Director of Health Services prior to the event for additional guidance. Contactless payment methods are encouraged for all food service vendors.

We thank you for your commitment to our community and keeping schools open for 180 days.

Sincerely,

Weston Public Schools Administration