

Arlington County Department of Parks and Recreation

COVID-19 2020 Flag Football Season Parent FAQ

Q: Are field arrival/drop-off and pick-up operations different from previous seasons?

A: Yes. We ask that you remain away from the field until your scheduled start time. This allows for the field to clear of the previous practice. Please maintain a minimum of 6-10 feet distance when entering fields. Parents may escort players to the practice field. Parents and players must wear a face covering while entering and exiting the field.

Q: How will health screening questions be administered per the Governors Forward Virginia Plan?

A: Coaches will ask screening questions before admitting athletes to practice or games. DPR staff will walk coaches through this process at the annual coaches meeting. We ask that parents wait until athletes have responded to the questions and are admitted to practices before leaving.

Q: Where can I find the health screening questions?

A: Health screening questions can be found on the DPR flag football website [here](#).

Q: How will the information related to my athlete's health be stored?

A: It will not be stored. All health questions will be asked verbally. For contact tracing purposes, attendance is kept.

Q: Should I wait until my child is admitted to the practice?

A: Yes. Please ensure your child has been admitted to practice before leaving the field.

Q: Will there be sanitizing materials available?

A: Yes, hand sanitizer and disinfectants will be available for athletes and coaches. Coaches will be asked to sanitize equipment. Participant's may bring their own hand sanitizer to practices

Q: Have any additional sanitation measures be taken?

A: Yes, footballs will be sanitized in between drills.

Q: Is the practice format like previous years?

A: Teams will receive two practices per week until a decision is made regarding competitions.

Q: What if my athlete drives to practice?

A: Athletes should arrive 15 minutes prior to their scheduled practice time. Please do not send your athlete to practice if they are sick.

Q: Can I still watch practices?

A: Yes. Please 6 ft.-10 ft. physical distance between other parents and the players. Please limit the number of spectators you bring to the field to two (2) per household. Households must sit and physically distance in the bleachers during games. Parents will not be admitted on the fields.

Q: Are huddles still permitted?

A: No. DPR is instituting team meet-ups to encourage 6 ft. distancing. We suggest each player to have QB wristbands containing plays/formations. When possible, coaches should call plays from the sidelines.

Q: Do I need to wear a facemask while watching practices?

A: Yes. Parents are asked to wear masks at practices.

Q: Does my child need to wear a facemask while playing?

A: We do not ask that athletes wear masks while participating in football activities. We do ask that athletes wear masks on the sideline while not playing.

Q: How Will Equipment be Cleaned? What Type of Cleaner is Used?

A: DPR has purchased sanitizing cleaner in bulk. The product used is called "TB-Cide-Quat." This is a recommended disinfectant used throughout the County.

Q: Can my athlete bring personal supplies/gear?

A: Athletes can bring their own sanitizer and other sports related gear. It should be clearly labeled with their name and must be kept stowed away in a bag 6-10 feet from other equipment.

Q: Can I bring snacks/beverages for the team?

A: No. DPR is requesting that parents do not bring food or beverages to share with the team.

Q: What happens if an athlete tests positive for COVID-19?

A: Please visit a physician if you are sick. If an athlete tests positive, they should quarantine for 14 days. Read [here](#) for more information. Please notify your coach with updates on athlete health.

Q: Who do I contact with further questions?

A: Please contact Greg Anselene, Manager of Sports Leagues and Field Management at ganselene@arlingtonva.us