



# Enhanced Outdoor Stadium and Arena Guidance

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## Executive Summary

This document sets the minimum standards for stadiums and venues that are open to 20% capacity under the [MDHHS Gatherings and Face Mask Order](#).

As the epidemiology of COVID-19 around the country and the state of Michigan evolves, MDHHS will continue to review and update these standards.

## General Mitigation Measures for Large Outdoor Events

Stadiums and arenas that are open at 20% capacity must meet or exceed the following infection control measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in large outdoor venue settings.

### 1. Spectator Cohorts

Cohorting or pods should be implemented for spectators to maintain small groups throughout events at outdoor venues.

- Spectator cohorts should occur in groups of up to six people. Cohorts must purchase tickets in advance with the other members of their cohort.
- Contact information for each individual within a spectator cohorts should be documented by the venue for contact tracing purposes.

### 2. Entry and Exit Controls

Venues must assign staggered entry and exit protocols in order to minimize congregation.

- Spectators must enter at designated sections of the venue during designated times to avoid mass queues and gatherings outside of the venue.
- MDHHS recommends scheduling a limited number of cohorts to enter in 10-minute increments.
- Spectators must follow a staggered exit schedule as well, such as dismissing fans by sections and requiring them to exit at designated doors.

- MDHHS recommends designating one-way stairwells to minimize congestion.

### **3. Face Mask Requirements**

- Spectators and employees are required to wear masks that cover each person's nose and mouth in the venue.
  - o Face masks may only be removed when eating or drinking.
- Players must wear face masks at all times in the venue except when playing, warming up, or eating/drinking.

### **4. Physical Distancing Protocols**

- Spectators must be seated in cohorts of six or less, with at least six feet of distance from other cohorts.
- Spectators are only permitted to eat or drink while seated in their assigned seats or designated areas. At least six feet of physical distance must be maintained from people outside of one's cohort.
- Spectators must not be permitted to roam about the venue, or to mingle with persons from other cohorts. Spectators must not be permitted to gather in areas outside of their assigned seats except in designated dining areas.
- Venues must institute capacity limits for restrooms and other enclosed spaces, such as gift shops.
- Venues must institute distancing markers of six feet for queues, both inside and outside of the stadium.

### **5. No-Touch Practices**

- Ticketed entry should be conducted via no-touch methods.
- Concessions and other purchases within the venue should be conducted via contactless methods.
- Each spectator, employee, and player must conduct no-touch self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms and contact before entering the venue. Venues can use the free [MI Symptoms tool](#) to complete self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms.
  - o Spectators, employees, and players should not attend a large outdoor event while [symptomatic](#) even with a negative COVID-19 test, per current CDC guidelines.

### **6. Hygiene Procedures**

- Venues must establish a schedule for increased, routine cleaning to disinfect common spaces. Venues must use FDA-approved cleaning supplies that are listed [here](#).

- Venues must establish numerous hand sanitizing stations throughout the venue.
- Venues must meet enhanced air filtration, ventilation, and purification standards, such as the installation of MERV 13 rated filters or bipolar ionization technology.
- Interior and exterior doors must be left ajar whenever possible to increase air flow.

## **7. Contact Tracing Capabilities**

Venues must collect and maintain contact information from all those in attendance to help inform contact tracing efforts.

- To expedite this process, MDHHS recommends prohibiting same-day ticket sales.
- Ticket re-sale and forwarding should be prohibited to maintain accurate contact tracing records.
- Venues must comply with local and state public health officials during any case investigation and contact tracing that may be required, and with enforcement of quarantine and isolation requirements, as a result of attendance of a large outdoor event.

## **8. Comprehensive Communications Strategy**

MDHHS expects venues to communicate public health guidance clearly and effectively to fans, employees, and players.

- Venues must post information about the symptoms of COVID-19 in order to allow employees, participants, and spectators to self-assess whether they have any symptoms.
- Venues must display signs regarding COVID-19 mitigation measures throughout the venue.
- Venues should make regular PA announcements regarding mitigation measures and other event rules.
- Venues should encourage all participants, spectators, and other individuals who attend large gatherings to seek a COVID-19 test at a state or local government testing center, health care center, or other testing location 1-3 days before the gathering.
- Venues should make available a list of all nearby sites to receive a COVID-19 test to all participants, spectators, and other individuals who attend large gatherings. Please find a list of MDHHS COVID-19 testing sites [here](#).

**For further information:**

- [CDC Readiness and Planning Tool to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Events and Gatherings](#)
- [Considerations for Events and Gatherings | CDC](#)
- [Large Gatherings | CDC](#)