

# **CURRY COLLEGE ATHLETICS FAQ**

## **FALL 2021**

This FAQ was developed to clarify some questions as we get Curry College Athletics up and going for the fall, 2021. If you have specific questions, please feel free to contact Director of Athletics, Vinnie Eruzione at [veruzion@curry.edu](mailto:veruzion@curry.edu).

Please note that testing and/or masking protocols may change depending on the evolving public health situation. We will be monitoring all guidance from local, state and federal authorities carefully and constantly and will notify the Curry community promptly of any changes.

### **Testing**

#### **What is the testing cadence for students on campus?**

Vaccinated individuals will not be tested (apart from the onboard testing requirement).

Unvaccinated individuals with approved exemptions from the College will be tested once a week in Cottage.

#### **What is the testing cadence for all student-athletes?**

Vaccinated individuals will not be tested, unless required by the opposing institution.

Unvaccinated individuals will be tested once a week in Cottage (potentially more frequently, depending on opposing institutional requirements).

### **Masking**

#### **What are the masking requirements for students?**

All individuals (regardless of vaccination status) are required to wear masks in all college buildings at this time. Changes may be made to this policy as the semester progresses. Outdoors, vaccinated individuals do not need to wear a mask. Masks are not required for vaccinated student-athletes for outdoor practice or competition.

Unvaccinated student-athletes need to wear a mask indoors and outdoors, including practices and game competition. The Commonwealth Coast Conference and other schools are requiring unvaccinated individuals to wear masks during competition.

At this point in time, per campus policy all indoor spectators will be required to mask.

### **Home Contests**

#### **Do unvaccinated outdoor sport student-athletes need to be masked?**

Yes. At this time, the campus is requiring all unvaccinated students to be masked outdoors if they are in close proximity to another person. When playing and practicing, we consider them in close proximity.

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**Can we play against opposing teams that have players who are unvaccinated?**

Yes. As long as the opposing unvaccinated players are masked, we can play against them. We ask that opposing teams are testing regularly. The CCC policy states that unvaccinated student athletes will test at least once per week.

**Do unvaccinated opponents need to test regularly? Can they Rapid Test before getting on the bus? Is a test required before we play?**

The CCC policy states that unvaccinated student athletes will test at least once per week. We ask that opponents are testing regularly. Tests can be rapid or PCR.

**Do vaccinated student-athletes need to test before a contest?**

Testing is encouraged, but not required for opposing teams.

**Can visiting teams use a locker room at Curry?**

Yes, as long as everyone is masked (as required indoors on campus).

**Can visiting teams use our athletic training room?**

Visiting teams will not have access to our athletic training rooms. They will be asked to prep before getting on the bus. The athletic training staff will be available at the contest as needed.

**Can teams or parents have a tailgate after a contest?**

Not at this time. As of September 1, Curry College is maintaining our established “closed” campus status until further notice, meaning that only students, employees and approved visitors are allowed access. In keeping with this policy, we are unfortunately not able to allow families or any other spectators who are not members of our on-campus community at events, Athletics scrimmages or competitions that are scheduled to take place on campus. This policy will be re-evaluated and may be changed or eased in the coming week.

**Can we have spectators at events?**

Yes. At this time, members of the on-campus Curry community may attend athletic events following all College protocols for health and safety, including mask wearing as required indoors (for all) or outdoors (if unvaccinated). We encourage social distancing at all events.

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Please note, some schools are not allowing unvaccinated student athletes to play in contests. When this occurs, the unvaccinated student athlete will not be allowed to be on the sidelines during these contests.

**Away Contests****Can unvaccinated student-athletes travel with the team?**

If the opposing school allows them to play and be on campus, unvaccinated student athletes may travel to the contest with the team. They will need to be masked.

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**When traveling, who has to mask on the bus?**

When traveling by bus or van, everyone is required to mask.

**Can you eat on the bus?**

There is to be no eating on the bus. Teams eat before they depart, stop to eat, or eat when they arrive back to campus.

**Do unvaccinated student-athletes have to rapid test before a contest?**

Unvaccinated student athletes do not need to rapid test before a contest, as they will have already been tested that week in keeping with their regular testing cadence.

**Do unvaccinated student-athletes have to wear masks during an away contest?**

Unvaccinated student athletes must be masked at all times.

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**Miller Field House Weight Room****Can vaccinated students work out?**

Yes, but they must be masked at all times per the colleges indoor mask requirement.

**Can an unvaccinated student work out?**

Yes, but they must be masked at all times per the colleges indoor mask requirement.

**Locker Rooms (Miller, Student Center, & Canton Ice House)**

All student-athletes and staff MUST wear masks while in the locker rooms.

**Athletic Trainer Rooms:**

All student-athletes and staff MUST wear masks while in the athletic trainer rooms.

**Recruiting****Can a recruit visit campus and stay overnight?**

At this point, recruits can visit using the colleges/admissions visiting guidelines. NO OVERNIGHTS are allowed at this time per College policy. Changes may be made to this policy as the semester progresses.

**Can a recruit/family eat in the Marketplace**

Yes.

**Can a coach go off campus to recruit?**

Yes.

**Can a coach travel overnight for recruiting?**

Yes.

## **General Questions**

**Can a program host an alumni game or prospect clinic?**

At this point this is currently being evaluated and we are hoping to have some guidelines in the very near future.

## **Commonwealth Coast Conference Guidelines (approved on August 14, 2021)**

### **1. Vaccinations and Masking**

- a. All student-athletes and team personnel who are fully vaccinated may compete without restriction. No masks will be required.
- b. Student-athletes and team personnel who are **not** fully vaccinated are required to wear masks during competition.
- c. The responsibility lies with each institution to monitor vaccination status and require masking of appropriate individuals.

### **2. Testing**

- a. Conference members shall test unvaccinated student-athletes and team personnel a minimum of once per week. Tests may be PCR or rapid.
- b. In the event of a positive test result, the following will occur:
  - i. AD to AD initial communication will occur.
  - ii. Athletic trainers will take over after initial communication with regard to protocols, contact tracing, etc.
  - iii. Each school has different guidelines/protocols in terms of dealing with a positive on their campus.
- c. The CCC will require universal masking for all unvaccinated competitors, team personnel, and officials.

### **3. Spectators**

- a. Spectators-will be permitted in accordance with institutional policies regarding campus visitors.

### **4. Officiating**

- a. Unvaccinated officials will be required to wear masks.
- b. All officials are expected to follow institutional guest policies and CDC guidelines when on campus.

### **5. Gameday Requirements**

- a. Athletic directors will be responsible for developing necessary game day operational protocols specific to their campus. Any concerns or special circumstances that arise can be discussed by the group on weekly call or via email. The host institution will communicate and post any pertinent policies with visiting teams and officials in advance of each contest.