

# Park High School

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**Press Release**  
**For Immediate Release**  
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Fall activities at Park High School are underway with continued hygiene and safety protocols in place to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Continuing with the successful health measures instituted in open gyms and camps since mid-June, student athletes have been practicing for over two weeks and are excited to exhibit their skills in game competition. Using CDC and Livingston School District guidelines and weekly Park County Health Department consultation, the golf and cross country teams have already hosted home contests with other schools where measures of distancing, mask use, and no spectators in attendance helped in providing safe conditions for our students, families and community. As we move into competition with schools in football, volleyball, and soccer, we continue to use an informed and measured approach to reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19.

**Key elements in the next phase of reopening.** The prevention efforts of our schools, students, coaches, families, and community members allow us to begin implementation and further planning for the next phase of reopening activities at Park High School and Sleeping Giant Middle School in accordance with the activity risk management continuum applied to CDC guidance on youth sports.

**Spectators/Fans.** After the first two weeks of the start of school (Monday, September 7, 2020), should active Covid-19 cases continue to stay low, a limited number of home team spectators will be permitted at competitions after September 7th. Each player and cheer squad member will be allowed two (2) family members admission to home games. Spectators will be required to adhere to proper mask use and physical distancing guidelines in bleachers as set by the Livingston School District. Additionally, the Activities Director is exploring moving senior night to an earlier time in the season. As we know with Covid-19, should there be a concerning uptick in cases in Park County, we will be following the recommendations of our Park County Health Department.

**Competition and Travel.** In accordance with the activity risk management continuum, there are no overnight trips scheduled at this time. As well, we are in close consultation with Park County Health as we examine data from activities across the state and schools and communities in our South Eastern A Conference. We are aware of schools in our conference and in the state that have put fall activities on pause due to positive cases on athletic teams. As of 9/1/2020, we have postponed our 9/8 football competition with Billings Central and 9/12 volleyball competition with Billings Central due to concerns of the positivity rate (7%-10%) and community spread in Yellowstone County.

We see a cautious approach as being vital in protecting our students' ability to have activities. As we move forward, we will closely monitor the spread of the virus in the communities we compete with and anticipate possible cancelations, postponements, and flexible scheduling. Please refer to the Park High website for the most up to date information regarding activities and events.

**Planned upcoming games:**

9/3 - Football vs. Belgrade at Home

9/4 - Golf at Anaconda

9/5 - Cross Country at Manhattan

9/8 - Cross Country at Fairmont

~~9/8 - Football vs. Billings Central at Home (Postponed)~~

9/10 - Volleyball vs. Butte Central at Home

9/11 - Golf at Harlowton

9/11 - Girls Soccer vs. East Helena at Home  
9/12 - Boys and Girls Soccer at Lone Peak  
~~9/12 - Volleyball vs. Billings Central at Home (Postponed)~~  
9/14 - Golf at Home  
9/17 - Boys and Girls Soccer vs. Lone Peak at Home  
9/18 - Golf at White Sulfur Springs  
9/18 - Cross Country at Twin Bridges  
9/18 - Football vs. East Helena at Home  
9/19 - Volleyball vs. Hardin at Home

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