



## **Spectator Limitations 1.12.22-1.25.22**

Skagit County DOH has asked all county K-12 schools to place a two week pause on allowing spectators to attend indoor athletic or other indoor school events that would typically draw a significant number of non-participant spectators. The request is in response to critical stress on our area health systems and testing sites during the Omicron surge. At this time, system stress is extremely high and Skagit DOH is making recommendations that can reduce high COVID-19 exposure situations for the immediate future.

MVC's desire is to contribute to reducing this critical stress while also being great caretakers of the students and families we serve.

We will not be allowing any spectators for non-varsity competitions and we will be limiting spectators at varsity contests to immediate family groups of participants only. Each participating athlete will be allocated 6 immediate family tickets. Participating schools may allow smaller family groups to transfer their tickets to a larger family. Schools will receive a link to our online ticket platform the day of a contest and can distribute that link to their families. Each school will receive 180 total tickets in the online portal. This will keep our total gym capacity below 30% and allow for proper spacing.

Students and parents have been asked to change almost all aspects of their normal routines since March of 2020 in order to help mitigate the transmission and spread of COVID-19. We are at a point in our understanding of the virus and its impact on this group of our population that we can no longer require them to focus on only the impacts of COVID-19. Athletic participation and the support of families and communities is important for our students' well-being. We trust that this short term strategy will accomplish what DOH desires and serve our students and families best.

**Masking is required universally for all spectators attending indoor K-12 sporting activities, regardless of vaccination status.**

**Audience members should be seated in "family units" and those small groups should be spaced at least six feet apart.**

**This plan will be adjusted as conditions change.**