

## Activities and Athletics Questions and Answers

**Cassville R-IV plans to provide students the opportunity to participate in most extracurricular activities.** While offering these opportunities, the district will prioritize the health and safety of students and staff by adhering to the Barry County Health Department recommendations. We understand that as we abide by those recommendations, some if not all, of those opportunities may be limited in the extent to which they can be provided.

### **When competitions/games begin, will spectators be allowed?**

- Cassville R-IV will follow the Barry County Health Department guidance on occupancy as outlined in the Barry County Recovery Plan. Attendance will likely be limited. Events will be broadcast, when possible, through the Talon Broadcast Network.

### **What is the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) and the Big 8 Conference planning?**

- MSHSAA and the Big 8 Conference Executive Committee may further outline guidelines on how athletics and activities will be offered at district high schools and middle schools. As a district, we understand the importance of offering these opportunities to our students and will continue to make every effort to do so. However, we know there may be decisions made by local, state, or national organizations that may prohibit some if not all extracurricular activities from taking place. We expect all athletics and activities that can be performed in accordance with the BCHD recommendations to be available for student participation.

### **What can parents/guardians do to help?**

- Moving forward, this will be a collaborative effort and safety is our priority. All coaches and students must, prior to reporting to any district site, self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms and exposure. Should they have any current symptoms of COVID-19 or if they come into close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, they must stay at home and contact the BCHD for guidance. They should also report this situation to their assigned coach or sponsor.

