



For Immediate Release:

Columbia, MO - On Friday, September 18, Fr. Tolton Catholic High School was issued a violation notice by the Boone County Public Health and Human Services Department. The notice was in reference to a cross country tournament that was held on Fr. Tolton's campus on September 12. The notice states that the health department sent Fr. Tolton an email on September 11 recommending the school "cancel the tournament or postpone so that the business guidance team could work with the school to ensure this is a safe event."

Fr. Tolton has written, submitted and implemented safety plans for all other events, but, due to an oversight, did not submit the existing safety plan to the health department for this event. The school was notified of this oversight in the email which was received on September 11 after business hours the night before the tournament. The tournament was scheduled to begin at 8:00 am Saturday morning with setup beginning at 6:30 am. When the email was read, Fr. Tolton officials immediately replied and sent the existing safety plan. Due to receiving the email after business hours, by the time the email was read and the mistake was realized, it was too late to reasonably notify all of the participating schools, teams, and families involved. For these reasons, the school decided to continue with the event confident that the existing plan in place would ensure the safety of all involved.

The safety plan for this event is attached here (below) for reference.

Fr. Tolton High School apologizes for the oversight involved with this event and will be diligent to ensure adequate procedures are implemented so that this oversight does not happen again.

Tolton Cross Country Invitational
Saturday, September 12, 2020

Please review the REVISED schedule and procedures for the Tolton Invitational. It is very important that each team be aware of these rules to keep us all safe.

Safety Procedures

Revised Schedule (added JV race to reduce number of runners in each race):

8:15 AM Varsity Girls (limited to seven runners per team)

8:55 AM Varsity Boys (limited to seven runners per team)

9:30 AM JV Boys and Girls

10:30 AM Middle School Girls

11:30 AM Middle School Boys

Extra time is built into the schedule to allow runners to clear out of after each race.

Preparing to Play:

All schools in attendance will follow State, County, and City COVID-19 policies and procedures.

In the City of Columbia, masks must be worn at all times when inside a public building AND outside unless individuals are more than six feet apart. We encourage you to wear your mask at all times (unless eating or drinking).

We ask that each school screen their student-athletes prior to arrival at the meet site.

All athletes, coaches, and volunteers should have no flu-like symptoms including:

- Temperature of 100.4
- Cough
- Fatigue
- Chills
- Headache
- Congestion or Runny Nose
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New loss Taste or Smell

Spectators:

- Spectators are limited to one parent per athlete. No students are allowed to be among the spectators for this event.
- Spectators are asked to maintain adequate spacing along the course and to wear a mask at all times.

- Spectators are not allowed in the start or finish area.
- Spectators are asked to leave as soon as their athlete finishes his or her race. There will be no medal ceremonies.

During Play:

- Teams will warm up and cool down with their team members only and practice social distancing.
- Teams should arrive at the start line no sooner than 5 minutes prior to the start time and be prepared to start promptly.
- The only persons who should be on or around the course are those that are competing in the race at that time or parent(s) of athletes that are competing in that particular race. Parents should have a mask on if they can not socially distance from others and competitors.
- Athletes should leave the competition area promptly after the conclusion of their race.

Post Competition:

- No water will be provided unless it is an emergency; all athletes should have their own water bottle (no sharing).
- Athletes should remain in their team camp/bus or leave competition site.
- There will be no awards ceremony at the conclusion of the meet. Coaches can pick up awards or they will be mailed at a later date to the school.

Restrooms:

- Restrooms will be open at the Tolton Stadium. Occupancy is limited, so please do not send your entire team together at the same time.

Concessions:

- Drinks and pre-packaged snacks will be available at the Tolton Stadium.