

Roanoke-Alleghany Health District Return to Play Criteria

Coaches and sponsors will follow phase II guidance for extracurricular activities when the region is experiencing high burden or transmission levels based on the [7-day regional metric](#), or the locality is experiencing high or highest values on any core measure using the [CDC School Metrics Dashboard](#). Coaches/sponsors will use phase III guidance for extracurricular activities when the region is experiencing moderate, low, or minimal burden and transmission levels ([7-day metric](#)) and the locality is experiencing moderate, low, or lowest risk ([CDC School Metric](#)).

The following guidelines will be used to make decisions about scheduled activities.

1. Using the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Pandemic Metrics dashboard, [Weekly Transmission Extent \(7 day metric\)](#) the region of the localities for the participating schools and the locality of the event must be at a moderate, low, or minimal burden and transmission levels to participate. If the data is trending upward, it will be monitored daily to ensure that the region continues to experience moderate, low, or minimal burden and transmission levels on the date of the competition. (Exception- If the region is experiencing high burden and or high transmission, but guidance from the local health department indicates that there are extenuating circumstances in the region that minimizes the impact on the activity, the activity can continue as scheduled.)
2. If the region is experiencing moderate, low, or minimal burden and transmission levels, conditions for the participating localities and the location of the event will also be examined using the [CDC School Metrics dashboard \(14 day metric\)](#) to ensure that the localities are at the moderate risk level (yellow) or lower for both core indicators. If any core indicator for the locality of any participating team or the location of the activity indicates high or highest risk, the activity will be postponed or canceled unless the local health department verifies that there are extenuating circumstances in the locality experiencing high or highest risk that minimizes the impact on the activity.
 - i. If the local health department verifies that there are extenuating circumstances in the locality experiencing high or highest risk that minimizes the impact on the activity, the activity can proceed.
 - ii. If it is determined that the activity can proceed the schools involved should also consider reducing the number of students and staff who travel and/or participate to essential personnel.
3. If the core indicators for the locality of any participating team or the location of the activity indicate moderate risk (YELLOW), low risk (GREEN) or lowest risk (DARK GREEN) the activity can proceed based VHSL guidelines for return to participation.
4. Any participating school experiencing an outbreak will communicate directly with their local health district contact person and a representative from participating schools to make a decision about scheduled activities.