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## FOOTBALL 2021

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## **FOOTBALL GAME DAY PROTOCOL**

Greetings:

"During this time of uncertainty, the JSU Division of Athletics has made bold and necessary steps to protect our student-athletes at the onset of the pandemic. The safety and wellness of our student-athletes will always be our first priority, and we need your support during these uncertain times."

#### **Ashley Robinson**

Vice President and Athletic Director

The following COVID-19 Protocols reflect the Jackson State University Athletics tiers approach that will be used to safely monitor football games. Current conditions, including the status of the virus and evolving directives from state and local authorities, indicate that risks remain high and that we must be vigilant in managing activities on campus. The CDC and state guidelines will continue to be monitored, and any changes to these protocols will be considered an ongoing basis.

Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium (THEE VET) Facility Restrictions: 25% Capacity: 11,054

#### **Face Mask Policy**

To provide a safer environment for the team, coaches, staff and fans, all present in the stadium must wear a facemask at all times. Fans will be required to wear a face mask upon entry and while transiting throughout the stadium. Face mask must remain at all times, unless during the consumption of food and/or beverages.

## **COVID-19 SELF-SCREENING CHECKLIST**

All attendees to athletic events at the Jackson State University will be asked to review the screening checklist before arrival to campus:

- 1. Have you received a positive COVID-19 test in the past 14 days?
- 2. Do you have a fever greater than 100.4 F?
- 3. Do you have new muscle aches not related to another medical condition or another specific activity?
- 4. Do you have a new or worsening cough that is not related to another medical condition?
- 5. Do you have a sore throat, runny nose and/or congestion not related to another medical condition?
- 6. Do you have, or are you suffering from, shortness of breath that is not related to another medical condition?
- 7. Do you have a recent loss of smell or taste?
- 8. Do you feel nauseous or have a new onset of vomiting and/or diarrhea not related to another medical condition?
- 9. Have you had recent close contact in the past 14 days with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, immediately self-isolate and contact your medical provider. Please do not attend any campus facility, program, activity, or event.



## SYMPTOM CHECKLIST

Cough - Runny Nose - Trouble Breathing - Loss of taste or smell
Fever above 100.4°F in the past 24 hours - Chills - Fatigue
Nausea - Vomit - Diarrhea

IF YOU HAVE BEEN AROUND ANY PERSON THAT HAS ALSO BEEN EXHIBITING THESE SYMPTOMS OR HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19



## **STADIUM ARRIVAL**

## Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium (Visiting Team)

Upon teams arrival, temperature must be completed and facemasks required at all times.

#### Team Bus Parking (See Stadium Map on page 12)

Buses must enter stadium off West Street Entrance onto Stadium Circle and park near Lot A. The JPD Traffic Control Unit will escort the buses to the designated parking area. Only the team's police escorts are allowed to park near the buses. Other vehicles traveling with the team are prohibited to park near their buses. Other vehicles without proper VIP Lot Parking decal must park in the General Parking Lots. The cost for Game Day parking is \$21. **ONLY CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED.** The visiting team will enter through the service gate to gain access to their assigned dressing room.

### Locker Rooms (75)

- Air & Surface Purification System (destroys biological contaminants)
- Sanitizer Stations
- Treatment Tables
- Ice
- Head Coach Locker Room
- Assistant Coach Locker Room

### Sidelines

- Benches (6)
- Tables (2)
- Protective Sideline Tarp
- Coach Comm Connections

#### Officials

- Covid-19 Testing upon arrival at tent near service gate
- Temperature check upon arrival
- Transportation provided by JSU Campus Police
- Lockers (8)
- Air & Surface Purification System (destroys Biological contaminants)
- Food & Beverages provided
- Golf Cart Shuttle to Press Box
- Sanitizer Station
- Masks Required

## **EVENT STAFF**

All Event Staff (Security, Concessions, Attendants, Ticketing and Game Day Operations) must adhere to the CDC guidelines at all times.

Event staffers are asked to stay at home if they are experiencing any symptoms of a fever and/or have been exposed to COVID-19.

Event staff, with the exception of security, shall enter through Gate 3 (Pass Gate).

#### \*Upon entry into Gate 3, temperature scans will be conducted for ALL staff!\*

Once temperature scan is cleared, each staff must sign in on the list provided by the attendant. All security will report to the Service Gate for their temperature scan and sign in with JSU Campus Police.

Event Staff will receive the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). All event workers must wear PPE at all times. (Masks and/or Face Shields)

Sodexo will conduct temperature checks on all of their vendors.

Novelty vendors temperature checks will be performed as they enter Lot A prior to unloading.

Plexiglass Shields are installed at every concessions stand for the protections of patrons and vendors.

Plexiglass Shield stands will be placed on the tables at Gates 1, 2, 3, 12 & Elevator Ground Level as protection.

## **GATE ENTRY**

Gates will open two (2) hours prior to kickoff off to accommodate the additional measures that are in place to adhere to the CDC, state and local guidelines.

Upon entering the gates, patrons are required to practice social distancing of at least 6 feet to adhere to the CDC guidelines for the COVID-19 pandemic. Ground markers will be placed for customers to maintain social distancing.

All patrons are required to wear masks upon entry and at all times in the stadium. Children ages 0-2 years old will be required to wear mask only at the parents discretion.

Gate entries will be spaced out to adhere to the Social Distancing Guidelines. Unused gate entries will be blocked off to limit access. To speed the process, patrons should enter the gate assigned with their parking locations and ticket location. See list below:

GATE 1 – STUDENT GATE (All Lots)

GATE 2 – JSU PLAYERS PASS GATE (All Lots)

GATE 3 – PASS GATE (All Lots)

GATE 4A & 4B – PATRON GATE ENTRY (VIP PARKING LOT B, D & H PATRONS)-(Optional use)

GATE 5 – PRESIDENT'S SUITE – (PROPER CREDENTIALS REQUIRED)

GATE 6 A-C – PATRON GATE ENTRY (VIP PARKING LOT B, D & H PATRONS)

GATE 6 D – EXPRESS ENTRY (PATRONS FROM TICKET BOOTH LINE)

GATE 7 – PATRON ENTRY GATE (VIP PARKING LOT C, D (stalls # 88-103), & TAILGATE LOT)

GATE 8 – PATRON ENTRY GATE (VIP PARKING LOT C, D (stalls # 88-103), & TAILGATE LOT)

GATE 9 – ADA PATRON ENTRY

GATE 10 A – 10G – PATRON ENTRY GATE (VIP PARKING LOT C, GENERAL PARKING & TAILGATE LOT)

GATE 11 – EXPRESS ENTRY (VIP PARKING LOT C, GENERAL PARKING & TAILGATE LOT)

GATE 12 – VISITOR PLAYERS GATE (GENERAL PARKING & TAILGATE LOT)

## **PARKING LOTS**

While parking in General Parking Lots and VIP Lot A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and Service Gate, patrons are ask to exit vehicle only when they are able to practice social distancing while adhering to the CDC guidelines.

Please adhere to the Social Distancing and mask requirements signage posted throughout the parking lots (VIP Lots, Tailgating Lot and General Parking).

No Tailgating will be allowed. Tailgate Lot will be utilized for General Parking.

The use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) will be enforced for parking attendants and patrons.

No cash will be accepted for Game Day Parking. Only major credit cards will be accepted. The cost for General Parking will be \$21. General Parking lots will open at 8:00 A.M. Please adhere to the parking attendants' instructions.

ADA Accessible parking is off State Street at Back Yard Burger on to North Stadium Drive. Follow ADA Accessible parking signs.

### TICKET BOOTH SALES

No sales on Game Day at ticket booths. Tickets may be purchased Monday – Friday, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. at the Stadium Ticket Office, Campus Ticket Office, and Online @Ticketmaster.com

NO PASS OUTS ALLOWED.

Last day to buy single-game tickets for a game will be the Friday prior to such game.

## **STADIUM SEATING**

We will be operating at a reduced capacity of 25%. Our capacity is now 11,054.

Even rows will be used for seating. A sign labeled "skip this row" will be placed on all odd-number rows. Police will be in place to monitor seating.

General Admission – If arriving with your family, you will be allowed to remain together. Otherwise, six feet (6 feet.) must be maintained between each patron.

ADA- Special provisions will be made for patrons and companions.

Box Seats – Special provisions will be made for box seat holders.

Reserved Seating – Special provisions will be made for patrons. Ticket holders in the same family may remain in assigned seats. Others will have the option to move to the next available seating.

Sonic Boom of the South band members will occupy Sections 107, 108 and 109.

JSU Students will be seated in Sections 110, 111, 112, & 113.

JSU Cheerleaders will be placed in Box 13 (West End). No field access allowed.

JSU Army ROTC will be placed in Box 14 (West End). Both the Color Guard and Cannon Team will have field access near the goal post at their appropriate times.

## **PRESS BOX**

Level 1- President's Suite – Guests shall not exceed 50 people. Only 25 guests will be allowed to remain inside at all times. The remaining 25 will be provided TIGER SEATS in Section 204. Police will monitor the attendance.

Level 2 – Media- Only essential personnel will be allowed.

Level 3 - THEE AD Suite – limited up to 8 people. THEE I LOVE Suite – limited up to 8 people.

Elevator Usage – No more than four (4) people on elevator at a time. (Three guests and the attendant)

#### CONCESSIONS

Sodexo Magic is the concessions provider for the 2021 Spring Football Season. The following vendors will provide a variety of food and beverage options:

Pop-De-Licious Sha's Grill Just Wingin' It M-Bar 2 Go Soul City Pizza Sno-Biz Smokin' Seven Twisted Pretzel DAB's Chicken & Waffle Taste-Of-The-South

Sodexo will be responsible for managing the safety guidelines for their employees and vendors.

Outside food or beverages are **PROHIBITED**.

Concessions stands are located at ramps 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23 and 24.

## THINGS TO KNOW WHILE YOU VISIT THEE VET

Women's restrooms are located at ramps 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 19, 23 and 24.

Men's restrooms are located at ramps 3, 4, 6, 13, 14, 20 and 22.

Smoking is prohibited inside the gated area of the Stadium including concourse and seated area.

Umbrellas are prohibited.

First-aid stations are located at ramps 12 & 21.

#### **LOST & FOUND**

Please contact an officer during the event, or refer all found articles and children to the Home Side First Aid Station located between Ramps 4 and 5. To learn if an item has been recovered, call the Stadium Manager's Office at 601-354-6021 the day after the event.

#### JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY CLEAR BAG POLICY

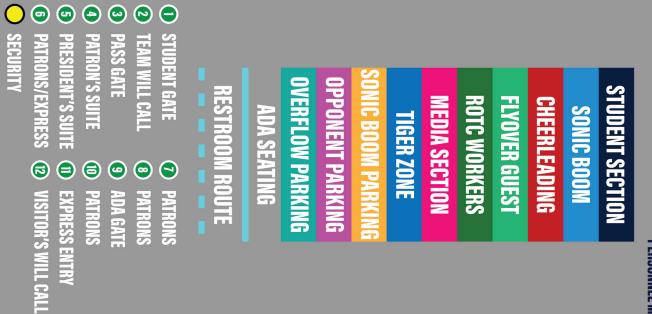
Jackson State University<sup>®</sup> has implemented a clear bag policy this year that limits the size and type of bags that may be brought into sporting venues to provide a safer environment for the public and significantly expedite fan entry into stadium.

For more information, please visit our website: www.mvms.ms









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