

QUARTERLY ASCERTAINMENTS / COMMUNITY ISSUES

STATION: WKKW—October 2020

SUBJECT: Fans will be returned soon to Mountaineer Field for WVU home football games.

DISCUSSION:

Fans will be back at Mountaineer Field for WVU football games soon--at least at limited numbers.

WVU Athletic Department officials are confident in their plan to allow a smaller crowd back into the stadium.

Matt Wells, the WVU Senior Associate Athletics Director of External Affairs says the stadium operation plan at 25% capacity for the October 17 game against Kansas was carefully tabulated.

“We didn’t just pick a number of 25-percent out of thin air,” Wells said. “When you do the math and break seating blocks into twos, fours and sixes and space them out appropriately to have social distancing, it came out to about 15,000 seats.”

WVU indicated the cap of 15,000 fans in attendance is expected to be in place for the remainder of the 2020 season.

Only family members of players and athletic staff were allowed into Milan Puskar Stadium for the season opener against Eastern Kentucky on Sept. 12 and for the Oct. 3rd game against Baylor.

The Mountaineers played at Oklahoma State recently and the Cowboys hosted around 25% capacity of their stadium.

“It’s not about what others are doing because there are schools on both sides of that fence,” he said. “For every school that you can point to that was having fans, there is another group of schools that aren’t. It’s really about what is happening on the ground where you’re at, where your university is located.”

According to Wells, facemasks will be required of all spectators entering the stadium, and the department has previously provided a complimentary WVU branded mask to every fan who initially purchased season tickets for the 2020 season. Facemasks are to be worn throughout the stadium with the exception of while eating and drinking.

All Mountaineer Athletic Club (MAC) members and football season ticket holders who opted to maintain priority for the 2020 season or converted their ticket payment to a 2020 MAC gift will have exclusive priority to request single-game tickets for all remaining home games.

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TIME / DURATION: 2:23

GUESTS: WVU Senior Associate Athletics Director of External Affairs Matt Wells.

MEDIA INTEREST: Morgantown AM – WAJR, Dominion Post, WVAQ, WKKW, WBOY, WDTV, facebook, twitter

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