I'M GOING TO A COLTS GAME!

A SOCIAL STORY BY DAMAR SERVICES



SOCIAL STORIES

This story was designed with you in mind, because everyone deserves a chance to cheer on their favorite team. Please use this story to help your loved one prepare for their gameday experience.



In addition to this social story, Lucas Oil Stadium has several supports & accessibility features available for those of all abilities, including:

• Assistive listening devices available at any of the Guest Services kiosks.

• Sensory bags available at Guest Services in Sections 121, 330, 519, & 545.

• First aid throughout the building

• Drop Off & Pick Up Locations via Missouri Street. Contact the Colts Ticket office for details at: **317.297.7000**

• Weighted blankets & noise cancelling headphones at the Guest Services kiosks.

• Elevators, escalators, and ramps

HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME & ENJOY THE GAME. From your friends at Damar!





I'm going to an Indianapolis Colts game! What fun! The games are played at a big football stadium called: **LUCAS OIL STADIUM**.





Lucas Oil Stadium is in

DOWNTOWN INDIANPOLIS

We will need to drive there. Once we park the car, we will walk to the Lucas Oil Stadium gate that is on our ticket.





THE COLTS HAVE A LOT OF FANS.

The stadium can hold up to 67,000 people at a game – wow! Because there are so many fans, it might be very crowded. I will need to wait my turn in line with other people. Sometimes it is loud outside – there might be music or other activities. This is okay.







WHEN IT IS MY TURN IN LINE

I will go through security. I will walk through a special machine called a metal detector. It does not hurt. I can't take things into the stadium with me unless they are in a clear bag.







After we go through security, someone will scan our tickets to get in. If we don't know where to go, we can ask them and they will tell us.

THERE ARE A LOT OF HELPERS ON GAME DAY!





ONCE WE GET INSIDE,

the halls leading to our seats will be long with lots of people. Don't worry, we will get to our seats soon! Along the way, we might take stairs, an escalator, or even an elevator depending on where seats are located. We will also see places to shop, and concession stands that have food and drinks.





ONCE WE GET INSIDE THE STADIUM

where the game is played, I will see lots of activity on the field. There will be announcements on the loudspeaker and music. This is what the field looks like.





IF I GO TO THE GAME ON A WARM DAY,

they might have the roof open. So, sunshine will be shining into the stadium. Don't worry, the roof will not be open if it is cold.





NOW, I'M AT MY SEAT.

It folds down and there is a cupholder for a drink. Besides the person I came to the game with, I will probably not know anyone who is sitting around me. They are all fans of the Colts, though.





I can get to the game up to two hours before it starts. This will give me plenty me of time to get settled. If I need, I can check out a weighted blanket, noise canceling headphones, or a sensory bag at Guest Services. This might help me have a better game experience.

THAT IS WHAT IT IS THERE FOR.





IF I GET HUNGRY OR THIRSTY,

I will go to the concession stand to buy a snack. The concession stand has picture menus, so I can choose what I want.





WHEN ITS TIME FOR THE GAME,

the Colts run onto the field through a tunnel. During this time, the lights will be turned off and sometimes their will be strobing lights and small fireworks going off when the players are being introduced. This can be bright and loud, and that is okay.







THE CROWD WILL CHEER WHEN THE COLTS SCORE POINTS!

They might stand up and shout – yay! It's okay to give someone a high five when this happens.





IN THE MIDDLE OF THE GAME,

there will be fun activities happening along the sidelines. You may even see the Colts mascot, Blue! He loves kids.





IF I NEED TO GO TO THE BATHROOM DURING THE GAME,

there are always restrooms close by. I might have to wait my turn in line. I can go visit the restroom and then come back to my seat when I am done.





Like me, other fans might need to leave their seat during the game and they will pass in front of me.

I MAY NEED TO STAND UP OR SIT DOWN TO LET SOMEONE PASS IN FRONT OF ME.





THE GAME WILL BE FOUR QUARTERS

and it might take around three hours to be over. When it is over, the fans will all leave at the same time. It will be crowded on the way out, just like it was on the way in.







THIS IS WHAT THE STADIUM LOOKS LIKE AT NIGHT.

If we go to a night game or leave at night, it will look like this outside. We will then go to our car and go home. Hopefully we will be celebrating a Colts win!





THE DAMAR SENSORY WALL

is located near the NW Entrance of Lucas Oil Stadium near section 144/145. This new sensory wall helps engage the senses and encourage relaxation to kids with autism and other developmental disabilities. This wall is full of different textures of Blue, including his fur, jersey, football, and turf. Visit damar.org/colts for more information.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR GAMEDAY:

1. WHAT DOES A TYPICAL GAMEDAY LOOK LIKE?

For a 1:00pm Kickoff - *All times are approximate and subject to change!

- 11:00am (2 Hours Prior to Kickoff) | Gates Open
- 12:00pm (1 Hour Prior to Kickoff) | Lucas Oil Blimp
- 12:50pm (10 Minutes Prior to Kickoff) | Visiting Team Introductions
- 12:53pm (7 Minutes Prior to Kickoff) | Colts Team Introductions
 - Includes Smoke from the Tunnel
- 12:55pm (5 Minutes Prior to Kickoff) | National Anthem/Full-Field Flag
 - Stadium Lights Typically Turn Off and Spotlights Turn On
 - POW Chair is Shown on Videoboard
- 12:59pm (1 Minute Prior to Kickoff) | Anvil
 - Includes Loud Sounds
- 1:00pm | KICKOFF

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR GAMEDAY:

2. WHERE WOULD I FIND ASSISTIVE DEVICES, SENSORY BAGS, WEIGHTED BLANKETS, NOISE CANCELING HEADPHONES, ETC?

All of these items can be found at the Guest Services kiosks outside of **SECTION 121**.

3. CAN I BRING ITEMS TO HELP MY LOVED ONE REMAIN CALM?

Yes! Weighted vests, fidget toys, noise canceling headphones, etc. are all welcome. They do need to fit into a clear bag to pass through security. Learn more about the clear bag policy at:

WWW.NFL.COM/LEGAL/CLEAR-BAG-POLICY

FREQUENTLY ASKED OUESTIONS FOR GAMEDAY:

4. HOW DO I FIND MY SEAT?

Check out the view from your seat before you get to the game! You can take a stadium tour by clicking the link here:

COLTS.IO-MEDIA.COM/WEB/INDEX.HTML

5. HOW CAN WE PLAN FOR ORDERING AT THE CONCESSION STAND?

Please note that Lucas Oil stadium is cashless and only has mobile ticketing. Food and drinks can be previewed at:

WWW.COLTS.COM/GAME-DAY/FOOD-DRINK

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR GAMEDAY:

6. WHERE DO I FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION About my visit to a colts game?

Visit WWW.COLTS.COM/GAME-DAY

For additional information check out: **WWW.DAMAR.ORG/COLTS**



