

REOPENING High School Sports

A state-by-state look at plans to resume high school sports while balancing health & safety measures amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

STATE	REOPEN DATE	STATE POLICY	CANCELED SPRING
Alabama	June 1	Schools to reopen campuses on June 1 per Alabama State Department of Education	March 27
Alaska	June 1	Coaches must have the approval of their school district and operate any activities in accordance with all local and state health mandates.	March 23
Arizona	No offseason update	Latest announcement April 3	March 30
Arkansas	June 1	It is the responsibility of the local school district administration to monitor implementation of the directive from the Arkansas Department Health.	April 9
California	No return date*	"The CIF and all 10 of our sections are working on contingency plans considering every possibility. Once we have a date when we can go, we'll roll out the plan of action."	April 3
Colorado	June 1	Decisions regarding athletics and activities through the summer months will be made at the local school district level.	April 21
Connecticut	June 1	Starting June 1, all coaches will be permitted to have virtual contact, which	April 23
Delaware	No offseason update	Latest update April 24	April 24
District of Columbia	No offseason update	Latest update April 17	April 17
Florida	June 1	District-by-district decision	April 20
Georgia	June 8	The plan is restrictive and provides for conditioning only.	April 2
Hawaii	No offseason update	Latest update April 17	April 17
Idaho	No official update, but it appears individual districts have released guidelines for return	Latest IDHSAA update April 17	April 17
Illinois	No return date*	Latest update April 21: "The Board also determined that summer contact days are suspended for this year, unless state government and medical leaders indicate such gatherings are safe."	April 21
Indiana	July 1	Provided there are no adjustments to Governor Eric Holcomb's announced plans to re-open the State of Indiana, school sponsored summer activities may resume on July 1, 2020.	April 3
Iowa	June 1	Iowa High School Athletic Association sanctioned summer sports starting on Monday, June 1. Per the Iowa Department of Education, first contests may occur as early as Monday, June 15 and fans will be permitted at games.	April 17

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Kansas	June 1	When permitted by your community's local health authorities AND your school district administration, while following all group gathering restrictions and social distancing expectations, school employed coaches may begin their summer programs with their prospective student participants no earlier than June 1.	March 18
Kentucky	No offseason update	Facility use is restricted at any member school until at least May 31. No further update is available as of May 27.	April 21
Louisiana	June 8	Louisiana High School Athletic Association's executive committee has unanimously voted to postpone all high school summer workouts until June 8.	April 9
Maine	July 6	Starting on July 6, 2020 we could hopefully allow some in-person instruction to occur. Prior to July 6 a set of guidelines, aligning with recommendations from the Governor's Office, the Maine CDC, and the Maine Department of Education, will be developed for what this in-person instruction might involve.	April 9
Maryland	No offseason update	Latest update April 28	April 28
Massachusetts	No offseason update	Latest update April 24	April 24
Michigan	June 1	Provided a statewide all-clear occurs, summer activity may resume. Currently, summer rules begin on Monday, June 1, 2020, when the four-player period ends.	April 3
Minnesota	June 1	Per bylaw and Board of Directors actions the summer waiver period for all coaches is scheduled to begin on June 1 through August 7, with a no contact period of July 3 through July 5.	April 23
Mississippi	June 1	When they return to work in June, teams must follow any orders handed down by state and local government as well as their school regarding COVID-19 precautions.	April 15
Missouri	May 26	Dependent upon approval from local and state health officials, the MSHSAA Board voted to make the summertime dead period and the summer limits on contact optional for the summer of 2020.	April 9
Montana	June 1	MHSA summer rules will be in effect. Local districts will determine the use and access to their facilities and it is up to the local school and coaches to follow any health requirements in place during this time.	April 22
Nebraska	June 1	Beginning June 1st NSAA member schools are permitted to conduct voluntary strength and conditioning sessions.	April 2

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Nevada	No return date*	Schools remain closed to all activity through at least June 30, 2020, per Governor's orders.	April 23
New Hampshire	No offseason update	Latest update April 16	April 16
New Jersey	No return date*	The organization is developing various scenarios and plans related to a potential fall return to school and sports. From May 11 to June 15, the NJSIAA "will permit all school district-approved coaches to have virtual contact with all current high school student-athletes.	May 4
New Mexico	June 15	If a school/school district opts to allow for summer activities to take place, the guidelines produced by the NMAA must be followed.	March 27
New York	No return date*	COVID-19 task force set to meet on June 10	May 1
North Carolina	No offseason update	Latest update April 24	April 24
North Dakota	No offseason update	Latest update May 1	May 1
Ohio	May 26	May begin individual skills training only on May 26, 2020. This skill training may take place at school facilities at the discretion of the respective school districts.	April 20
Oklahoma	June 1	Schools may choose to implement all or any portion of these guidelines at the local school district's discretion.	March 25
Oregon	May 26	Each school will control what athletics take place at school facilities.	April 8
Pennsylvania	July 1	Date will likely change. PIAA voted May 20 to allow Exec. Dir. power to let schools hold offseason workouts if their counties reach "green phase" of state's reopening policies. For some schools, that may be before July 1. Some may have to wait beyond that.	April 9
Rhode Island	No offseason update	Latest update April 24	April 24
South Carolina	June 1	Teams can return to practice under a "three-phase resocialization" plan that includes daily screenings in Phase 1. School districts can decide when they're read to return.	April 22
South Dakota	June 1	Due to the nature of the outbreak, there will be inequities depending upon geography. It is unlikely that ALL students will be able to return to- and sustain- athletic activity in all schools/communities at the same time. Likewise, there will be inequities in what types of activities will be able to be experienced.	April 6
Tennessee	No return date*	TSSAA is leaving districts to determine offseason plans and encouraging them to follow health officials' guidelines	April 15

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Texas	June 1 & 8	TAPPS (private schools) will begin summer conditioning June 1 with football webinar; UIL (public schools) is aiming for limited summer conditioning beginning June 8.	April 17
Utah	No return date*	Latest update May 5	April 14
Vermont	No offseason update	Latest update April 30	April 30
Virginia	No return date*	Last update May 19: VHSL will provide guidance for summer workouts "in accordance with the Governor's directives"	March 23
Washington	No return date*	The WIAA is expected to release information later this summer about how summer practices will be conducted	April 6
West Virginia	No return date*	WVSSA will allow "3-week summer period" for practice, but the date when counties can start is not available yet	April 21
Wisconsin	July 1	Coach contact can begin with if restrictions on groups are removed	April 21
Wyoming	No offseason update	Latest update April 7	April 7