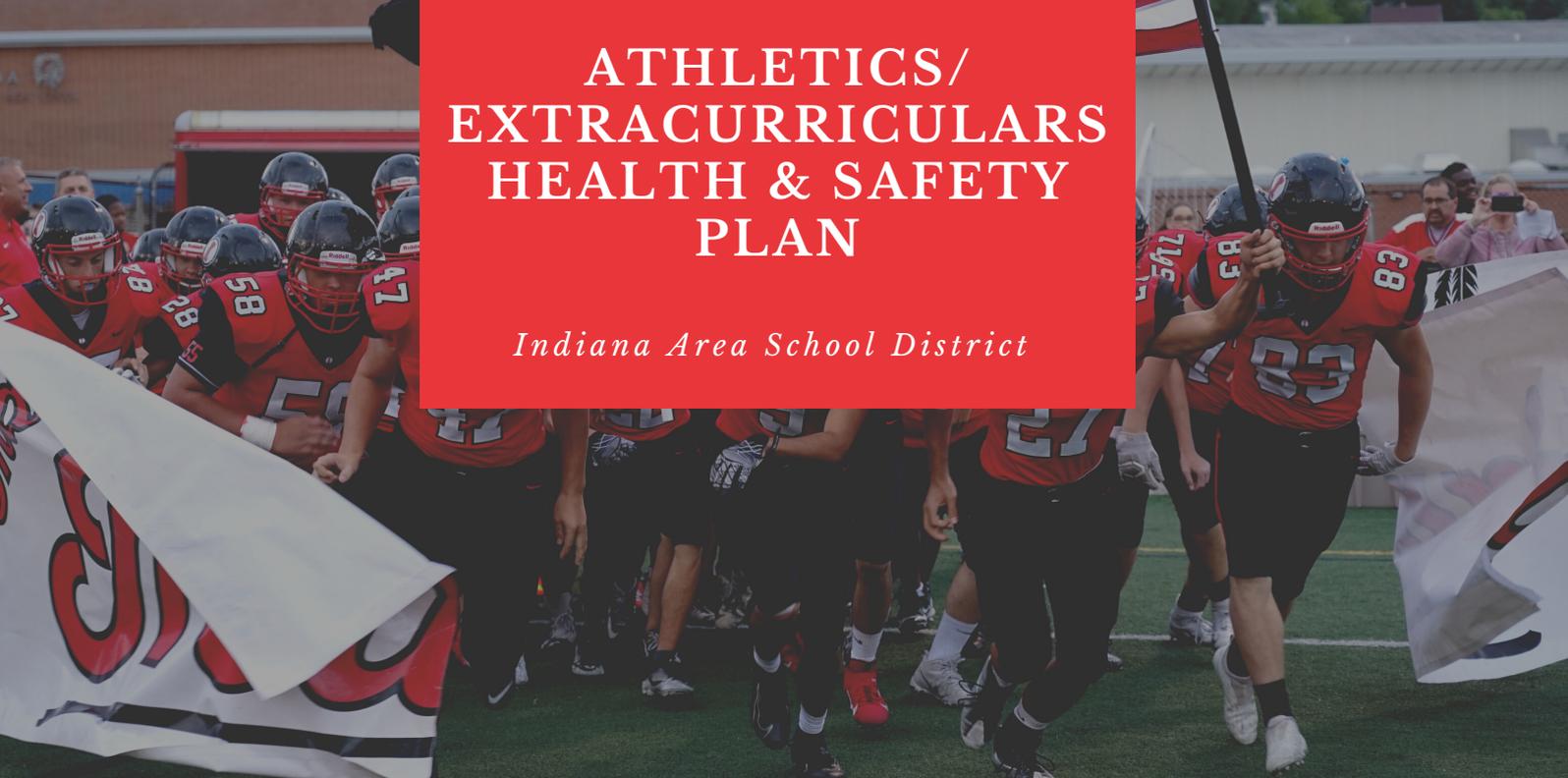


ATHLETICS/ EXTRACURRICULARS HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN

Indiana Area School District



INTRODUCTION

In light of the new June 10 requirements by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, all school districts are required to create, implement, and adopt an *Athletics Health and Safety Plan*. This plan must be aligned to the Pennsylvania Department of Education's *Preliminary Guidance on Reopening* document prior to conducting sports-related activities with students. Additionally, the plan will be made available to our families and posted on our district website. **It is our goal to safely reopen interscholastic athletics programs for the return participation of student-athletes on or about July 1, 2020. This plan will be applicable to all sports as well as other after school extracurricular activities.** Extracurricular activities that occur during the school day, will follow the District Health and Safety Plan.

Indiana Area School District will take the necessary precautions and recommendations from the federal, state, and local governments; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); PA Department of Health (DOH); the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS); and the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA).

IASD realizes the knowledge regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing as new information and treatments become available. These recommendations will be adjusted accordingly in order to decrease the risk of exposure for our staff, students, and spectators.

Please note that information in the plan is subject to change due to revisions, adoptions, and deletions made by the federal, state, and local government or agencies including the IASD Board of Directors.



SIGNIFICANCE OF PHASES FOR ACTIVITIES

According to the Governor's guidance, any sports-related activities in Yellow or Green phased counties must adhere to the gathering limitations set forth by the Governor's Plan for Phased Reopening (25 in yellow, 250 in green) and the facility as a whole may not exceed 50% of total occupancy otherwise permitted by law.

During the Yellow and Green phases of reopening, sports-related activities at the Pre-K-12 level are limited to student athletes, coaches, officials, and staff only (250 individuals max). The addition of visitors and spectators will be contingent upon future health conditions within the state and local communities.

BACKGROUND



The COVID-19 pandemic has presented school communities across the world with a variety of challenges. The COVID-19 virus is a highly contagious illness. The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages. Research from the Centers for Disease Control, among others, has found that while children do get infected by COVID-19, relatively few children with COVID-19 are hospitalized. Although severe outcomes have been rarely reported in children, a child with a mild or even asymptomatic case of COVID-19 can spread the infection to others who may be far more vulnerable (see listing below). While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the current guidance suggests there are many steps schools can take to reduce the risks to students, coaches, sponsors, advisors, and their families.



Our athletics and extracurricular programs will follow the health and safety guidelines and direction set forth by Governor Tom Wolf, PIAA, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE).

School-based practices and conditioning will only begin on or off of school property with the approval of the Indiana Area School District Board of Directors.

Vulnerable Populations

- Asthma (moderate-to-severe)
- Chronic kidney disease being treated with dialysis
- Chronic lung disease
- Diabetes
- Hemoglobin Disorders
- Immunocompromised
- Liver disease
- People aged 65 years and older
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility
- Serious heat conditions
- Severe obesity



PROFESSIONAL EXPECTATIONS

- *The IASD Athletics Department and School Administration have developed a plan of action in the event an participant, coach, sponsor, advisor or official falls ill.*
- *The plan will be explained to the entire athletic community via a coaches' meeting to be scheduled prior to summer conditioning occurring. This plan applies to all extracurriculars as well. School administrators will do the same for advisors and sponsors.*
- *Staff, coaches, advisors, sponsors, athletic trainers and participants will be educated about the symptoms of COVID-19 and when to stay home through posters and electronic communications.*
- *Participants will be educated on proper hand washing, proper hygiene and the disinfection of equipment and facilities.*
- *During off-season summer activities, coaches will screen and monitor athletes for symptoms/signs prior to and during games and practices, with health screening questions and any necessary follow up temperature checks by the athletic trainer and/or school nurse.*
- *The plan will be emailed to families as well as available on our District website.*

BACKGROUND

Participating in extracurricular activities both at the high school and middle school level is a privilege, and it is of the utmost importance that participants work with advisors, sponsors, coaches and staff to help adhere to the following safety guidelines. Doing so is a responsibility of participating in extracurriculars, both in and out-of-season. Failure to adhere to the safety guidelines jeopardizes a participant ability to participate.

The IASD Athletic Director, Greg Lezanic, has been designated as the primary point of contact for all questions related to Athletics and COVID-19. School administration is responsible for such matters involving all other extracurricular activities related to COVID-19. Health professionals will be consulted on all matters and questions related to COVID-19.

Questions?

Any questions regarding the plan can be sent to IASD Athletic Director -
Mr. Greg Lezanic
Email: glezanic@iasd.cc
Phone: 724-762-5057

OVERALL HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR IASD ATHLETICS & EXTRACURRICULARS



If participants need to refill their water bottles, staff will be responsible for filling water from the water supply. Staff member will use disinfecting wipes to clean his or her hands between refills of student water bottles. The water supply will be cleaned after every practice.

- All coaches, advisors, and sponsors will communicate to participants and their parents health guidelines and safety practices that are respective to their particular programs.
- All staff will wear protective masks indoors.
- Participants and staff who exhibit signs or symptoms of COVID-19 will be referred to a school nurse or athletic trainer and will not attend any meetings, conditioning, and practices until cleared. All actions will comply with HIPAA requirements.
- Staff and participants will practice appropriate and feasible social distancing during conditioning, practices, and competitive play. participants will avoid any unnecessary contact including refraining from any celebrations by physical contact.
- Hydroelectrostatic disinfectant sprayers will be used to treat any school-issued equipment each night that is stored at the school. Facilities, including the IHS Fitness Center, will be regularly cleaned after each use. For example, each piece of equipment will be wiped down after usage and on a daily basis.
- Social distancing will occur to the maximum extent possible during meetings and in locker rooms. Designated one-way entrances and exits of facilities will be utilized when possible. Meetings may need to occur in a variety of locations and/or in smaller groups to ensure social distancing.
- Each meeting or event at a complex must adhere to gathering occupancy limits (25 in yellow, 250 in green). Occupancy limits will be clearly posted and regulated by the IASD Athletic Director and Administration.
- School-issued equipment such as balls, bats, and other types of shared items will be cleaned after each team or club activity.
- When feasible (based on staff discretion and availability of bussing), only one occupant per seat on school bus trips is permitted to any off-site activities. Only essential stops traveling to or from such sites are allowed. Students/Staff are required to wear masks on the bus.
- Staff will stagger arrivals and departures of students to the maximum extent possible to help with social distancing efforts.
- Effective July 1, 2020: According to the Order of the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health Requiring Universal Face Coverings, face coverings do not have to be worn outdoors as long as social distancing of six feet is maintained. However, face coverings must be worn indoors at all times except for medical or mental health conditions, physical disabilities, or other extenuating circumstances that affect the physical or emotional well being of an individual.

OVERALL HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR IASD ATHLETICS & EXTRACURRICULARS



Athletic Director/School Administrator Responsibilities

- Oversee the management and implementation of the IASD Athletics and Extracurricular Safety Plan.
- Conduct staff meetings prior to the start of extracurricular activities.
- Provide professional development for staff on the COVID-19.
- Ensure that each individual game or practice at a complex adheres to gathering occupancy limits (25 in yellow, 250 in green).
- Provide families, staff, and student participants with timely and ongoing communication regarding changes in the plan and/or changes as a result of COVID-19.
- Will make arrangements to screen students/staff before all events.



Participant Responsibilities

- Student participants will wash hands/use hand sanitizer prior to the beginning and at the end of team activities, and more frequently as the need arises.
- Staff and participants will practice appropriate and feasible social distancing during activities.
- Participants will arrive at summer conditioning activities dressed in their practice clothing and take home their practice/competition clothing/uniforms to clean on a daily basis.
- Participants will bring personal water bottles and food to practices and conditioning. Spitting, licking fingers, eating sunflower seeds, & chewing gum are prohibited.
- Participants will have access to cleaning and disinfecting supplies. However, families are encouraged to provide their students with antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer.
- Participants will shower at home following the end of conditioning, practices, or play.
- Participants will practice social distancing upon arrival to and departure from conditioning, practices, and competitive play.
- Participants who are at a higher risk for severe illness due to chronic conditions like asthma, diabetes, obesity, compromised immune systems, or other health-related issues are permitted to perform conditioning at their homes.
- Participants who are not involved directly at practice or play outdoors will wear face coverings if social distancing cannot occur. Only PIAA approved facemasks are permitted.
- Parents/guardians will keep ill students home from any activities. Any participants, staff or volunteers who tests positive for COVID-19 are required to obtain a physician release to return to participation.
- Students are not permitted to share personal gear or equipment (jerseys, practice gear, helmets, towels, headbands, mouth guards) with others.

Sports physicals will be required for the 2020-21 school year. Please visit www.indianahsathletics.bigteams.org for more information.

All participants and their parents/guardians, staff, and adult volunteers will review and acknowledge by signature the IASD Athletics /Extracurricular Health & Safety Plan.

WHO SHOULD BE ALLOWED AT EVENTS?



The IASD Athletics Department and School Administration will continue to monitor and evaluate the guidance provided as it relates to spectators attending high/middle school extracurricular functions. As it stands, the following people are accordingly grouped into tiers from essential to non-essential, and this will determine who will be allowed at an event until further notice:

Tier 1 (Essential)

- Participants, staff coaches, officials, event staff, medical staff and security
- The AD will maintain a list of essential personnel for each event.

Tier 2 (Preferred)

- Media

Tier 3 (Non-Essential)

- Spectators/boosters

- Only Tier 1 personnel will be allowed to attend events until state and/or local governments lift restrictions on mass gatherings.
- Media (Tier 2) will be restricted from the immediate playing field/activity until further notice.
- Seating areas, including bleachers, will adhere to social distancing requirements of at least 6 feet of spacing for anyone not in the same household once spectators are permitted. To assist with proper social distancing, areas will be clearly marked. It is recommended that adults wear face coverings (masks or face shields) when in close proximity to others.
- Once state and/or local governments lift restrictions on mass gatherings, caregivers or spectators will be prohibited to enter the field of play, immediate area of vicinity of participants of staff, as well as bench areas.

CLEANING AND FACILITIES

Our IASD Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Greg Trout, will organize and coordinate efforts of maintenance and custodial staff to regularly clean and disinfect areas of use by our athletic and extracurricular communities. Cleaning schedules will be developed and our staff will educate participants to adhere to cleaning and disinfecting protocols for school-issued equipment and personal-use items. Such training will be provided via a training module and/or face-to-face meeting.

Such preparedness and the degree to which the success of the plan will be measured via monitoring, feedback, and constant re-evaluation of efforts to promote the health and safety of our school community members.

Dayshift custodians will disinfect the locker rooms, gyms, fitness center, and other high use areas with electrostatic sprayers with disinfectants that are approved by the EPA to combat COVID-19. The evening custodians will clean and follow the disinfectant routine in the evening. The restrooms, high touchpoints, and drinking fountains/bottle fillers will be cleaned in the same manner. The air delivery systems will have increased airflow to allow for the maximum air change over to the spaces. The air handler will have the highest Merv rated air filter that will allow for proper operation. The transportation vendor will disinfect the busses before student pick up for the trip and after drop off at the event to ensure that the bus is disinfected for the return trip.

According to PDE Preliminary School Sports Guidance, if multiple events are held at the same facility, adequate time shall be scheduled between contests to allow for facilities to be cleaned and disinfected.



LEVELS OF RISK

In alignment with NFHS and CDC guidelines and guiding principles, the following information categorizes the level of risk for each sport:

- **High Risk:** Activities that involve close, sustained contact between participants, lack of significant protective barriers, and high probability that respiratory particles will be transmitted between participants.
- **Moderate Risk:** Activities that involve close, sustained contact, but with protective equipment in place that may reduce the likelihood of respiratory particle transmission between participants OR intermittent close contact OR group sports that use equipment that can't be cleaned between participants.
- **Low Risk:** Activities that can be done with social distancing or individually with no sharing of equipment or the ability to clean the equipment between use by participants.

RISK LEVELS BY SPORT/ACTIVITY

IASD Athletics & Extracurriculars

HIGH RISK

The following sports were identified by the IASD Athletics Department and administration to be "High Risk" activities.

- Cheerleading
- Dance Team
- Football
- Hockey
- Lacrosse
- Rugby
- Wrestling
- Knee Hockey Club

MODERATE RISK

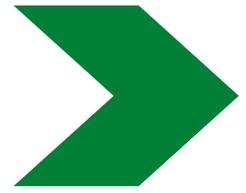
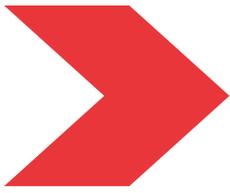
The following sports were identified by the IASD Athletics Department and administration to be "Moderate Risk" activities.

- Baseball
- Softball
- Basketball
- Rifle
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Track
- Volleyball
- Appetizers and Food Art Club
- Art Club
- Athena Club
- Aviation Club
- Bumper Pool, Billiards, and Darts Club
- Card Games Club
- Chess and Board Games Club
- Drama Club - International Thespian Troupe 7525
- French Club
- Future Business Leaders of America German Club
- Key Club
- Pathways of Service Club
- Portfolio Club
- Sailing Club
- Science Club
- Social Club
- Spanish Club
- Stage Crew
- Steampunk Club
- Stop the Bleed Club
- Student Government Association
- Table Tennis Team
- Handball/Ultimate Frisbee
- Technology Education Club

LOW RISK

The following sports were identified by the IASD Athletics Department and administration to be "Low Risk" activities.

- Cross Country
- Golf
- Swimming & Diving
- Fitness Center
- Acoustic Stringed Instruments Club
- Calming Coloring Club
- Crochet Club
- Culture Club: People of the World
- Digital Media Production Club
- Doctor Who Club
- Drum Corps Club
- Eco Club
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club
- (FCA) Film Club
- Journalism Club
- Library Club
- Love is Love Club
- Math Club
- Me to We Club
- Outreach Club
- Super Smash Club
- Ukulele Club
- We for AP Club
- Young Adults Books and Movies Clubs



RED PHASE

- No in-person gatherings or team activities allowed.
- Participants and staff may communicate via online meetings (zoom, google hangouts, etc.).
- Participants may participate in individual home workouts including strength and conditioning.
- All school facilities remain closed as per PA State Guidelines.
- All staff and participants should abide guidelines set forth by local and state governments.

YELLOW PHASE

Pre-workout Screening:

- All staff and participants will be screened for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 prior to any activities. Should COVID-19 symptoms be prevalent, screenings will include a temperature check. [\(Click here for the COVID-19 Screening Form\)](#)
- Responses to screening questions for each person should be recorded and stored so that there is a record of everyone present if a student develops COVID-19.
- Any person with positive symptoms reported should not be allowed to take part in workouts and should contact his or her primary care provider or other appropriate health-care professional as determined by the parents in consultation with the AD, Athletic Trainer and School Nurse.

Limitations on Gatherings:

- No gathering of more than 25 individuals.
- Social Distancing should be applied during practices, both in locker rooms and gathering areas, to the maximum extent possible

GREEN PHASE

Pre-workout Screening:

- All staff and participants will be screened for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 prior to any activities. Should COVID-19 symptoms be prevalent, screenings will include a temperature check. [\(Click here for the COVID-19 Screening Form\)](#)
- Responses to screening questions for each person should be recorded and stored so that there is a record of everyone present if a student develops COVID-19.
- Any person with positive symptoms reported should not be allowed to take part in workouts and should contact his or her primary care provider or other appropriate health-care professional as determined by the parents in consultation with the AD, Athletic Trainer and School Nurse.

Limitations on Gatherings:

- No gathering of more than 250 individuals.
- Social Distancing should be applied during practices, both in locker rooms and gathering areas, to the maximum extent possible

POSITIVE CASES AND COACHES, STAFF, OR STUDENTS SHOWING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

What to do if you are sick?

- If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and/or other COVID-19 symptoms (including, but not limited to: coughing, sore throat, shortness of breath, or a fever greater than 100.0), as well as if you have come into close contact or care of someone with COVID-19, call your healthcare provider for medical advice.
- If you are sick, STAY AT HOME. It is essential that you take steps to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home or community.
- Notify the school immediately (principal, athletic director, athletic trainer, coach). It will be determined if others who may have been exposed (students, coaches, staff) need to be notified, isolated, and /or monitored for symptoms.

Education for Families

Staff, coaches, other essential personnel, and participants will be educated by appropriate school personnel, to include nurses, athletic trainers or coaches. Parents and guardians will be educated (through posters, flyers, meetings, email, phone calls, etc.) on the following items:

- COVID-19 signs and symptoms
- Proper ways to limit exposure to COVID-19 (hand washing, coughing in one's elbow, disinfecting touched surfaces, social distancing, etc.)
- The content of this *Return to Activities Guidelines* Document
- Any pertinent COVID-19 information released by state/local governments, NFHS, and PIAA

POSITIVE CASES AND COACHES, STAFF, OR STUDENTS SHOWING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

What to do if a student or staff becomes ill during an activity or event or during transportation to or from an event?

- Every effort will be made to isolate the ill individual from others, until the student or staff member can leave the school or event.
- In the case of a student, parent/guardian will be contacted immediately, and arrangements will be made for the student to be picked up.
- The ill individual or the parent or guardian of the ill student will be asked to contact his or her physician or appropriate healthcare professional for direction.

How should a participant or staff member return to athletics following a COVID-19 diagnosis?

- The student or staff member must have medical clearance from their physician or appropriate healthcare professional and must be determined to be non-contagious, fever free (without fever-reducing medicine), and with improvement in respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath).
- The student or staff member will provide the clearance documentation to the school nurse or athletic prior to returning to any activity.



Enhanced Health Services Guidelines

Scenario #1 - No Symptoms

- Exclude from School: Not Applicable
- Return to School After: Not Applicable



Scenario #2 - COVID-19 Symptoms

- Exclude from School: Yes
- Return to School After: Individual should be tested for COVID-19.
 - If test result is **NEGATIVE**, return to school 3 days after symptoms are no longer present
 - If test result is **POSITIVE**, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3



Scenario #3 - Positive COVID-19 PCR Test WITH Symptoms

- Exclude from School: Yes
- Return to School After:
 - 3 days with NO fever and
 - improvement in symptoms and
 - 10 days since symptoms first appeared



Scenario #4 - Positive COVID-19 Test WITHOUT Symptoms

- Exclude from School: Yes
- Return to School After: 10 days after PCR test was collected
 - If symptoms develop during 10 days, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3



Scenario #5 - Close Contact WITH Symptoms

- Exclude from School: Individual should be tested for COVID-19.
- Return to School After:
 - If test result is **NEGATIVE**, return to school 14 days after last exposure to the person with COVID-19 and symptoms have resolved
 - If test result is **POSITIVE**, follow return to school guidance for scenario #3



Scenario #6 - Close Contact WITHOUT Symptoms

- Exclude from School: Individual should be tested for COVID-19.
- Return to School After: return to school 14 days after last exposure to the person with COVID-19
 - If symptoms develop during 14 days, follow return to school guidance for scenario #5



Information of IASD's Plan to Educate Staff

Where:	Indiana Area Senior High School Auditorium
When:	Head Coaches: Tuesday, June 30 th , 2020 @ 6:00 PM Assistant Coaches and Advisors: July 1 st , 2020 @ 6:00 PM Follow-Up Meetings: To be scheduled at a later date and time Make-up Meetings: Schedule meeting with IASD Athletic Director or Administration
Presenters:	IASD Athletic Director and School Administration
Who is in Attendance:	All head coaches, advisors, and sponsors – Specifically, any coach/advisor who is planning on starting summer workouts/conditioning programs.
Purpose:	To train staff members on necessary cleaning protocols and to address and safety concerns related to COVID-19
Rationale:	As a community institution, IASD has the legal, moral, and ethical obligation to keep our students' and community's safety at the forefront of our decision making process. Extra-curricular activities are a vital part of our school community. In order to safely return, all coaches need to be educated about the key concepts, topics, and expectations they have as part of our IASD community.
Responsibilities:	Each member of our community shares the need to strive to keep our community safe. By including our athletic and extra-curricular communities, as well as advisors/coaches and student participants in our plan, we ensure that all parties are doing their part to keep our community safe.
Key Topics to be Covered:	Restrictions: Green Phase, Yellow Phase, and Red Phase Risk Levels: High, Medium, and Low risk activities. Responses to COVID-19: Suspicion and/or Confirmation of COVID-19 Screening Tools Participation Waiver Specific Topics Relating to Individual Sports and Activities
Resources Used:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Tom Wolf • PDE Preliminary Guidance • PIAA – Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association • USSSA – United States Specialty Sports Association • NFHS – National Federation of State High School Associations • CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) Considerations for Youth Sports • PA Department of Health • UPMC Sports Medicine Playbook • School District Examples • PDE PK-12 Athletics Health and Safety Plan Template
Frequently Asked Questions:	<p><i>Q: What can a staff member do if they miss the initial meeting?</i></p> <p>A: Staff members who miss the initial meeting can make up the missed meeting by either attending a later meeting that will be held at a yet to be determined date and time or schedule a meeting with IHS Athletic Director or School Administration. NOTE: Staff who have not yet attended this meeting WILL NOT be able to hold off-season workouts/conditioning until they have rescheduled and attended a follow-up meeting.</p> <p><i>Q: Do assistants/assistant coaches need to attend the meeting on 6/30/20?</i></p> <p>A: No. A separate meeting will be scheduled for assistant coaches and coaches/advisors of other sports/activities that have yet to be preliminarily approved to begin off-season activities. This meeting will be held on 7/1/20.</p> <p><i>Q: Is this meeting for ALL head advisors/coaches of ALL school activities?</i></p> <p>No. This meeting is only for coaches of the preliminarily approved sports that were listed at the Special Board Meeting held on 6/29/20. All other out-of-school extra-curricular activities and sports, not yet approved to reopen, will be included in future meetings with our Athletic Director and School Administration.</p>

FITNESS CENTER GUIDELINES



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- IASD will implement a schedule for Fitness Center use for athletic teams and students enrolled in online HPE.
- Fitness Center operations will comply with all health and safety guidelines as well as the Governor's recommendations.
- Social Distancing efforts will be utilized to the maximum extent possible.
- All equipment will be regularly cleaned and equipment used by students athletes will be disinfected after each use.
- All supervisors are strongly encouraged to wear masks while in the fitness center during the summer months.
- Signs will be posted to remind students and staff about the importance of personal hygiene and to remind students to wipe down each piece of equipment after use.
- Capacity will be limited to 25%, or 20 total people in the fitness center per 1 hour. Equipment will be spread out as our space will allow and signs will be placed on every other piece of equipment as a reminder.

ACTIVITIES SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

[Click here to review a comprehensive list of each sport/extracurricular group and their specific guidelines.](#)

We encourage each family to review this information thoroughly so that you understand fully the risks at hand as well as the precautions the District is taking to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

To the right, please review the universal precautions the District is undertaking regardless of the sport/extracurricular.



FACILITIES CLEANING

Preventative Measures

- Daily cleaning schedule created and implemented for all athletic facilities
- Cleaned prior to arrival and post activity gatherings (heightened focus on high touch points)
- Weight Room Equipment wiped down after individual use
- Participants should wear appropriate clothing to minimize sweat from transmitting onto surfaces

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND EQUIPMENT

Phased Implementation

- Yellow Phase: Low Risk activities can begin
- Green Phase: Moderate and High Risk activities can begin
- Hand Sanitizer should be used periodically as resources allow
- Students should refrain from sharing clothing/towels and these items should be washed after each activity
- Equipment that may be used by multiple individuals (balls, shields, tackling dummies, shot put, etc.) should be cleaned intermittently during practice and as deemed necessary

TRANSPORTATION

Modifications

Modifications for participant transportation to and from events may be necessary. This may include:

- Reducing the number of students/staff on a bus/van
- Using hand sanitizer upon boarding a bus/van
- Social distancing on a bus

These potential modifications will be determined by the school district, bus companies, Department of Education, and State and Local Governments.

HYDRATION

Expectations

- Students must bring their own water bottle
- Water bottles must not be shared
- Hydration stations (water coolers, water fountains, water crows, water troughs, etc.) should not be utilized
- Only staff are permitted to refill student water bottles during after school activities

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE SICK?

Stay home

What to do if you are sick?

If you are sick with COVID-19 or think you are infected with the virus, **STAY AT HOME**. It is essential that you take steps to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home or community.

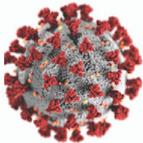
If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, call your healthcare provider for medical advice. Notify the school immediately (principal, athletic director, athletic trainer, coach). It will be determined if others who may have been exposed (students, coaches, staff) need to be notified, isolated, and /or monitored for symptoms. If a positive case of COVID-19 is diagnosed, Contact Tracing will be implemented with the assistance of local health professionals and the CDC/PA/DOH.

IASD Athletics and Extracurriculars Activity-Specific Health and Safety Guidelines Template

Sport:		Season:		
# of Players		Where Practice is Held (List All):		
# of Coaches (Paid & Volunteer)		Does this sport require the use of a locker room?		
Coach Education: If unable to attend the 6/30/20 or 7/1/20 meetings, you will be unable to conduct or attend practice until you have scheduled a follow-up meeting and met with the Athletic Director or a designated School Administrator.		- Head coaches will attend an IASD mandated coaches meeting held on 6/30/20 @6:00 p.m. at IHS. - Assistant coaches and other advisors will attend an IASD mandated coaches/advisor meeting on 7/1/20 @8:15 p.m. at IHS.		
		Rescheduled meeting:	Time:	
			Date:	
Player Education:		When:		
		Where:		
		How:		
Player Arrival Times and Procedures:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • 		
Cleaning Procedures for Sport-Specific Equipment: What equipment will be shared by players? What will be done (if anything) to sanitize that equipment between uses?		Equipment:	Procedure for Cleaning:	
		Other:	List with additional information on Page 2.	

<p>Group Splits: How will your team be divided and distanced during summer workouts?</p>	<p>Number of Groups Students will be split into:</p>	
	<p>Breakdown of Groups: (Ex: Band: Percussion, horns, etc. Volleyball: Hitters, Setters, etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • •
<p>Small Group Conditioning: How many groups will your team be split into for small group drills at practices?</p>		
<p>Communication with Parents/Guardians: How will you communicate your plans and procedures with parents? In addition, how will you notify your parents if a player on the team gets sick?</p>	<p>Method for Initial Communication of Plan:</p>	
	<p>Method for Follow-Up Communication:</p>	
<p>Screening and Monitoring: How will you screen and monitor your players for signs of COVID-19 before during and after your practices?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • • 	
<p>Additional Information and Procedures: Please list any additional information from any sections above, or list and other precautions that will be used for your specific sport.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • 	

What you should know about COVID-19 to protect yourself and others



Know about COVID-19

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.



Know how COVID-19 is spread

- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- You may also be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.



Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

- There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others.
- Wear a cloth face covering that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Practice social distancing

- Buy groceries and medicine, go to the doctor, and complete banking activities online when possible.
- If you must go in person, stay at least 6 feet away from others and disinfect items you must touch.
- Get deliveries and takeout, and limit in-person contact as much as possible.



Prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home.
- There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but you can seek medical care to help relieve your symptoms.
- If you need medical attention, call ahead.



Know your risk for severe illness

- Everyone is at risk of getting COVID-19.
- Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more severe illness.



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Indiana Area School District

Participation Waiver for Communicable Diseases Including COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented athletics across the world with a myriad of challenges concerning this highly contagious illness that primarily attacks the upper respiratory system. Some severe outcomes have been reported in children, and a child with a mild or even asymptomatic case of COVID-19 can spread the infection to others who may be far more vulnerable.

While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the Indiana Area School District (IASD) will take necessary precautions and comply with guidelines from the federal, state, and local governments, CDC, PA DOH, as well as the NFHS and PIAA, to reduce the risks to students, coaches, and their families. As knowledge regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing, IASD reserves the right to adjust and implement precautionary methods as necessary to decrease the risk of exposure for our staff, students, and spectators. Some precautionary methods in the IASD Resocialization of Sports Recommendations include but may not be limited to:

1. Health screenings prior to any practice, event, or team meeting with participation in the activities being limited and/or prohibited where an individual displays positive responses or symptoms.
2. Encourage social distancing and promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing, using hand sanitizer, etc.
3. Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation in all facilities.
4. Educate Athletes, Coaches, and Staff on health and safety protocols.
5. Require Athletes and Coaches to provide their own water bottle for hydration.

By signing this form, the undersigned voluntarily agree to the following Waiver and release of liability. The undersigned agree to release and discharge all claims for ourselves, our heirs, and as a parent or legal guardian for the Student named below, against the IASD, its Board of Directors, successors, assigns, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers and will hold them harmless from any and all liability or demands for personal injury, psychological injury, sickness, death, or claims resulting from personal injury or property damage, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the Student or the undersigned relating to or as a result of the Student's participation in athletic programs, events, and activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The undersigned acknowledge that participating in athletic programs, events, and activities may include a possible exposure to a communicable disease including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. The undersigned further acknowledge that they are aware of the risks associated with COVID-19 and that certain vulnerable individuals may have greater health risks associated with exposure to COVID-19, including individuals with serious underlying health conditions such as, but not limited to: high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, asthma, and those whose immune systems that are compromised by chemotherapy for cancer, and other conditions requiring such therapy. While particular recommendations and personal discipline may reduce the risks associated with participating in athletics during the COVID-19 pandemic, the risk of serious illness, medical complications and possible death does exist.

We knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of others, and assume full responsibility for Student's participation in athletics during the COVID-19 pandemic. We willingly agree to comply with the stated recommendations put forth by the IASD to limit the exposure and spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases. We certify that Student is in good physical condition or believe Student to be in good physical condition and allow participation in this sport at our own risk.

Sport: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Student Athlete: _____ Date: _____

*Parents/Guardians questions or concerns should be shared with _____.

Signature of Staff: _____

Date: _____

Athletics & Extracurricular Health and safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement

Based on the approval of the Academic and Extracurricular Committee, the Board of Directors for the Indiana Area School District reviewed and provisionally approved for the purpose of starting preseason activities, with coaches, other extracurricular positions, and students receiving training on the plan prior to the start of any activity, as presented the Athletics/Extracurricular Health and Safety Plan on June 29, 2020.

The plan was preliminary approved by a vote of:

5 - Yes

3 - No

Affirmed on June 29, 2020

By:

Mr. Walter Schroth
IASD Board President