

HSD/PIAA SPORTS REOPENING GUIDELINES

Guidelines will be communicated to all school personnel, athletes, and community members

Green (Mercer County Phase):

- All practices should be limited to essential personnel only
- School districts will enforce a maximum 250 people or 50% capacity in attendance for all facilities for all practices and sports contests.
- Encourage social distancing guidelines at all practices/meetings both indoors and outdoors
- If players or coaches express symptoms of illness or have known exposure to Covid-19, they are asked to stay home without reprisal and monitor their health
- Coaches should identify and monitor athletes who have known medical risks (i.e.-diabetes, asthma, etc).
- Proper hygiene and respiratory etiquette are paramount: Encourage athletes & coaches to wash their hands with soap/water for at least 20 seconds at each team break. Do not allow spitting and encourage athletes to cover their coughs and sneezes properly
- Face coverings/masks should be worn when social distancing is not feasible
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Strongly discourage sharing of any/all items that cannot be sanitized. This includes but is not limited to: towels, clothes, water bottles, bookbags, personal sports equipment
- Locker rooms will be disinfected daily by designated school district personnel

Yellow (Mercer County Phase):

- All practices must be limited to a maximum of 25 people. No exceptions.
- Enforce social distancing guidelines at all practices/meetings both indoors and outdoors
- If players or coaches express symptoms of illness or have known exposure to Covid-19, they are asked to stay home without reprisal and monitor their health. A strict quarantine of no less than 14 days will be required of all athletes and staff under these circumstances. Upon return, a daily temperature check is required (a temperature higher than 99.5°F will require further quarantine, and consultation with the athlete's physician). Testing for Covid-19 should be completed as soon as possible.
- Coaches should identify and monitor athletes who have known medical risks (i.e.-diabetes, asthma, etc). These athletes and staff are asked to self-quarantine and monitor their health before returning to practice. Consultation with the athlete's physician is strongly encouraged.
- Proper hygiene and respiratory etiquette are paramount: Coaches & athletes are required to wash their hands with soap/water for at least 20 seconds at each team break. Do not allow spitting and encourage athletes to cover their coughs and sneezes properly.
- Face masks/coverings are strongly encouraged at all times for coaches and staff. Encouraged for athletes, when appropriate.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Do not permit the sharing of any items (towels, water bottles, bookbags, sports equipment, etc) under any conditions.
- Locker rooms/practice areas will be disinfected daily by designated school district personnel