

Indiana's Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Re-entry Considerations

Unique requirements for a district/school's region or county must be followed regardless of the phase defined below. In addition, given the fluid situation of COVID-19, these considerations are subject to change. Read the phases carefully as the considerations are gradually expanded in many areas.

Phase II: July 20-August 15

- All State and local guidelines for group limitations must be followed and social distancing is encouraged.
- Any student who prefers to wear a face covering for activities should be allowed, if doing so will not cause a health risk.
- Students, when not engaging in vigorous activity and when practical, should wear face coverings. See [Appendix A](#).
- Non-students, including coaches, medical-related staff, directors, security staff, supervisors, etc. should wear face coverings at all times unless under rigorous activity or poses a health risk. See [Appendix A](#).
- Only essential student athletes, student participants, coaches, medical staff, related supervisors, directors, and security should be in attendance.
- Consideration should be given to [vulnerable individuals](#) and it is encouraged for those individuals to seek medical guidance regarding his/her individual level of participation.
- An alternate command structure for coaching staff should be established in case of illness.
- Prior to participation, all first-time student athletes are required to have an IHSAA pre-participation physical for the upcoming school year. Returning student athletes are not required to obtain a new IHSAA pre-participation physical, but should provide a [2020-21 IHSAA Health History Update Questionnaire and Consent & Release Certificate](#) prior to participation.
- All students and staff [should be trained](#) and screened for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 prior to participating in workouts, rehearsals, or practices. See [Appendix A](#).
 - Any person with COVID-19-related symptoms should not be allowed to take part in workouts, rehearsals, or practices and should contact his or her primary care provider or other appropriate healthcare professional.
 - The State [website](#) has a list of over 200 testing facilities, their location and hours of operation. This list is updated frequently.
 - Any person with a positive COVID-19 test shall trigger the established predetermined thresholds for mitigation strategies by following ISDH's recommendation to work with your local health department in following the CDC

guidance which can be found [here](#). Reference page 3, “When a confirmed case has entered a school, regardless of community transmission.”

- Coaches must track COVID-19 impacted attendance and report to district/school administration.
- Follow specific return to school protocol in reference to participation for student athletes or staff members who no longer test positive and/or no longer display symptoms of COVID-19. See [Appendix A](#), reference *Return to School After Exclusion*.
- Districts/schools are encouraged to [post signs](#) displaying symptoms to educate students.
- Individuals should wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds with warm water and soap before touching any surfaces or participating. If this is not possible, hand sanitizer should be plentiful and available to individuals as they transfer from place to place.
- If locker rooms or meeting rooms are used, 50 percent capacity is recommended.
- Gathering sizes should be decreased as much as possible to reduce risk. Workouts should be conducted in defined, smaller groups of students with the same students always together. Reduce gathering size by half capacity in large areas (weight room, band rooms, wrestling rooms, etc.).
- The goal of social distancing is defined by the [CDC](#). If it is not possible to follow these guidelines indoors or outdoors, then create as much distance as possible. It is recommended that participants and coaches wear face coverings when distancing is limited and the individual is not participating in rigorous activity. For sidelines, benches, or other holding areas, consider establishing protocol as a guide for students and coaches.
- Consider scheduling adjustments to reduce the number of events, duration, and/or participants present.
- Contact is allowed as [defined by Indiana High School Athletic Association \(IHSAA\)](#).
- Cleaning schedules should be created and implemented for all facilities and equipment to mitigate any communicable diseases. Review the plan and supply inventory to thoroughly clean and disinfect prior to and after usage following [CDC](#), [EPA](#), and [OSHA](#) guidelines. The plan should be clear on who cleans and appropriate training and PPE is provided for such.
- School activities using off-site, non-school owned facilities and equipment for related activities should work with the off-site facility provider to ensure the associated and relevant safety measures are in place. If transporting to-and-from workouts, rehearsals, or practices, transportation safety measures and cleaning regarding team or group transportation must be followed. See [Appendix E](#).
- Appropriate clothing/shoes should be worn at all times to minimize transmission.
- No sharing of clothing, shoes, towels, or water bottles.
- Hand sanitizer should be plentiful and available at all times.
- If equipment must be shared, including sports balls, weight room facilities, non-wind instruments, etc., should be cleaned prior to use and immediately following

usage. Responsibility for cleaning should be clear and appropriate training and PPE should be provided.

- Any equipment such as weight benches, athletic pads, etc. having holes with exposed foam should be covered or discarded.
- Students must be expected to shower at school or at home and wash workout clothing immediately upon returning to their home. If a student does not have a laundered uniform, he/she may not be allowed to participate in practice or competition.
- If schools launder student gear or uniforms, PPE must be available for the person in charge of laundering.
- Free weight exercises requiring a spotter can be conducted. Safety measures in all forms must be strictly enforced in the weight room.
- Celebratory and sportsmanship acts that involve contact should be prohibited.
- Shared hydration stations (water trough, water fountains, water hose, etc.) should not be utilized except for filling individual, labeled water bottles.
- Pool usage is acceptable. Schools should take necessary steps to promote health and safety both in the water and out by social distancing and using good hygiene.
 - State and local guidelines that may determine when and how recreational water facilities may operate should be followed.
- No formal competition is allowed with the exception of girls golf.