



## Blue Jays

*Mike Giles  
Athletic Director  
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**Dear Parents/ Guardians of Needville ISD Athletes, Band, Cheer, and Sapphire teams,**

As we all know the 2019-2020 school year has been unusual for us all. As we all try to complete this year, we all must start looking forward to preparing for next school year and our extracurricular schedules. This also means that our students have to be prepared as well. Each year our students that participate in events such as pre-athletics in the middle school, sports in the Junior High, and all sports, cheer, marching band, Sapphires are required to have a yearly pre-participation physical exam (PPE) before any participation is allowed.

With the COVID-19 pandemic that has struck our nation the UIL committee has decided to make a change in the requirements for PPEs for the 2020-2021 academic school year. Needville ISD has also accepted the guidelines for PPEs as the UIL has set forth. The guidelines are as follows:

- 1) ALL students that will be participating in sports, marching band, cheer, and dance are required to complete the Medical History forms and additional yearly UIL and Needville Athletics Forms excluding the PPE form. These forms are due by the end of the work day Thursday July 9, 2020. You may fill out and send back electronically to [cosperc@needvilleisd.com](mailto:cosperc@needvilleisd.com) or turn in the hard copy to the front office at Needville High School to be put in the Athletic Trainers' mailboxes.
- 2) The following groups will STILL be REQUIRED to get a Pre Participation Physical (PPE):
  - ALL incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students that will be enrolled in a Pre- Athletics Period.
  - ANY 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade student that did NOT have a PPE for the 2019-2020 school year and will be in athletics, marching band, cheer, and/or dance.
  - ANY student that the Needville ISD Athletic Trainers deem necessary upon review of the Medical History forms.
  - LINK to forms: [2019-2021 NISD PPE packet](#)
- 3) PPE packets are available for download on the Needville School websites as well as hard copies are available at all Middle, Junior and High School Front offices, Athletics Office and Athletic Training Room.

In the past Needville ISD has offered a mass physical day to allow our students to take advantage of. Our original planned date of April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 had to be cancelled due to the closure of the schools. You are encouraged to take your student to your family physician, or any clinic for their physical. We are working closely with the Memorial Hermann/ UT Physicians medical teams and will send out a list of preferred providers that will be offering physicals at a discounted rate. Whichever you choose please take our physical packet with you to have the doctor's office fill it out and sign.

There has also been another change to the PPE/Medical History forms by the UIL. This past year Cody's Law (HB76) was passed by Texas legislature and signed by Governor Abbot. This bill covers the implantation of Heart Screening/EKG testing for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade school athletes. The UIL has added a check box on the Medical History form just above the "Explanation box". This is giving you the choice to show that you would like for your student to have the testing done prior to participation. Then it would be up to you to schedule that test, it does not keep them from participation.

Thank you for allowing your student to participate in our programs and we are looking forward to the day when we can all work with them again in person. In the mean time we hope you all are staying safe and healthy.

If you have any question or concerns in regards to anything listed above or anything to the safety and health of your student athlete, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely, Your Athletic Training Staff

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