

## Athletics Health and Safety Plan Summary: Sharon City School District

**Anticipated Launch Date: June 23, 2020**

### Facilities Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting, and Ventilation

Requirement(s)	Strategies, Policies and Procedures
<p><b>* Cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilating learning spaces, surfaces, and any other areas used by students (i.e., restrooms, drinking fountains, locker rooms, and transportation)</b></p>	<p>Recommendations for ALL LEVELS for Junior and Senior High Athletics</p> <p>Athletes, Coaches, and Staff will undergo a COVID- 19 health screening prior to any practice, event, or team meeting. The type of screening will be dependent upon the available resources and the Phase level. The purpose is to check for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. The screenings could range from a verbal/written questionnaire to a temperature check. Temperatures at 100.4 or higher will be sent home.</p> <p>Promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing (20 seconds with warm water and soap) and employees wearing a cloth face covering as feasible. (Face coverings are recommended to help decrease potential exposure to COVID-19 respiratory droplets by an infected individual. Face Coverings will not be used for athletes while practicing or competing.) Hand Sanitizer will be available for team use as resources allow.</p> <p>Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation in all facilities</p> <p>Encourage social distancing through increased spacing, small groups, and limited mixing between groups, if feasible</p> <p>Educate Athletes, Coaches, and Staff on health and safety protocols</p> <p>Anyone who is sick must stay home</p>

	<p>Plan in place if a student or employee gets sick</p> <p>Regularly communicate and monitor developments with local authorities, employees, and families regarding cases, exposures, and updates to policies and procedures</p> <p>Athletes and Coaches <b>MUST</b> provide their own water bottle for hydration. Water bottles must not be shared.</p> <p>PPE (gloves, masks, eye protection) will be used as needed and situations warrant, or determined by local/state governments.</p> <p>Identify Staff and students who may be at a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 due to underlying medical conditions. (See - CDC “People Who are at a Higher Risk for Severe Illness”)</p> <p>Concession stands or other food must adhere to the Guidance for Businesses in the Restaurant Industry.</p>
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## Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

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<p><b>* Protocols for social distancing student athletes and staff throughout all activities, to the maximum extent feasible</b></p> <p><b>* Procedures for serving food at events including team meetings and meals</b></p> <p><b>* Hygiene practices for student athletes and staff including the manner and frequency of hand-washing and other best practices</b></p> <p><b>* Posting signs, in highly visible locations, that promote everyday protective measures, and how to stop the spread of germs</b></p> <p><b>Identifying and restricting non-essential visitors and volunteers</b></p> <p><b>Limiting the sharing of materials and equipment among student athletes</b></p> <p><b>Staggering the use of communal spaces (i.e., locker rooms, weight rooms, etc.)</b></p> <p><b>Adjusting transportation schedules and practices to create social distance between students</b></p> <p><b>Limiting the number of individuals in athletic activity spaces and interactions between groups of student athletes</b></p> <p><b>Other social distancing and safety practices</b></p>	<p><b>Recommendations for ALL LEVELS for Junior and Senior High Athletics</b></p> <p>Athletes, Coaches, and Staff will undergo a COVID- 19 health screening prior to any practice, event, or team meeting. The type of screening will be dependent upon the available resources and the Phase level. The purpose is to check for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. The screenings could range from a verbal/written questionnaire to a temperature check. Temperatures at 100.4 or higher will be sent home.</p> <p>Promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing (20 seconds with warm water and soap) and employees wearing a cloth face covering as feasible. (Face coverings are recommended to help decrease potential exposure to COVID-19 respiratory droplets by an infected individual. Face Coverings will not be used for athletes while practicing or competing.) Hand Sanitizer will be available for team use as resources allow.</p> <p>Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation in all facilities</p> <p>Encourage social distancing through increased spacing, small groups, and limited mixing between groups, if feasible</p> <p>Educate Athletes, Coaches, and Staff on health and safety protocols</p> <p>Anyone who is sick must stay home</p> <p>Plan in place if a student or employee gets sick</p> <p>Regularly communicate and monitor developments with local authorities, employees, and families regarding cases, exposures, and updates to policies and procedures</p> <p>Athletes and Coaches <b>MUST</b> provide their own water bottle for hydration. Water bottles must not be shared.</p> <p>PPE (gloves, masks, eye protection) will be used as needed and situations warrant, or determined by local/state governments.</p>
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## Monitoring Student Athletes and Staff Health

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<p><b>* Monitoring student athletes and staff for symptoms and history of exposure</b></p> <p><b>* Isolating or quarantining student athletes, coaching staff, or visitors if they become sick or demonstrate a history of exposure</b></p> <p><b>* Returning isolated or quarantined coaching staff, student athletes, or visitors to school</b></p> <p><b>Notifying coaching staff, families, and the public of cancellation of sports-related activities, school closures and other changes in safety protocols</b></p>	<p>The District will develop and implement procedures to check for signs and symptoms of students and employees daily upon arrival as feasible.</p> <p>Encourage anyone who is sick to stay at home.</p> <p>Plan for if students or employees get sick</p> <p>Regularly communicate and monitor developments with local authorities, employees, families regarding cases, exposures, and updates to policies and procedures.</p> <p>Monitor student and employee absences</p>

## Other Considerations for Student Athletes and Staff

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<p><b>* Protecting student athletes and coaching staff at higher risk for severe illness</b></p> <p><b>* Use of face coverings by all coaches and athletic staff</b></p> <p><b>* Use of face coverings by student athletes as appropriate</b></p> <p><b>Unique safety protocols for student athletes with complex needs or other vulnerable individuals</b></p> <p><b>Management of Coaches and Athletic Staff</b></p>	<p>Our Continuity of Education Plan and Return to School Plan will serve as our plan in the event that we encounter an increase in the number of cases or we go from green to yellow or back to red. PIAA Guidance will be followed regarding cancellation of events, limited number of spectators, etc. Student Athletes are not required to participate in interscholastic athletics, therefore there are no consequences for a student athlete who chooses not to return.</p>
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**Athletics Health and Safety Plan Governing Body Affirmation Statement**

The Board of Directors/Trustees for the **Sharon City School District** reviewed and approved the Athletics Health and Safety Plan on June 23, 2020

The plan was approved by a vote of:

9 Yes

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Affirmed on: **June 22, 2020**

By:



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(Signature of Board President)

Melvin Bandzak

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(Print Name of Board President)