

Slate Valley Union School District

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE-Pandemic-Athletics

FHUHS Protocol and Procedure

Most pandemics are a fluid situation and plans will need to be adjusted as the situation changes and information becomes available.

Protocol

1. Activities Director (AD) will consult with CDC, Vermont Department of Health (VDH), and Agency of Education and the Vermont Principals Association (VPA) regarding planning for safe reopening of extracurricular activities, including sports.
2. Follow all legislative mandates regarding pandemic planning for activities.
3. AD and Administrator will conduct multidisciplinary meetings including coaches, the athletic trainer, facility manager, school nurse, administrative assistant, booster club representative, other representatives deemed appropriate to assess the school environment in achieving the recommended plan of action.
4. Communicate with the Superintendent and School Board.
5. Plan for training needed for all coaches on the new plan and their responsibilities.
6. Plan for increase in custodial and police presences.
7. FHUHS encourages any students or coaches considered at increased risk for severe illness and those who need extra precautions to speak with their primary care providers about the risks associated with participation in athletics. Please reference current CDC definitions at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html>

8. All schools will begin in Step II.

Conduct of Training Sessions and Contests: Steps are in accordance with guidelines published by Vermont's Agency of Education and Department of Health entitled A Strong and Healthy Start: Safety and Health Guidance for Reopening Schools, Fall 2020. Movement from one step to another will be dependent upon information provided by these agencies and steps may change periodically in both content and timing.

Step I: Schools are closed for in-person instruction. Remote learning opportunities should be provided for all students. Support provision of student services such as school meal programs, as feasible. **No school sponsored athletic activity is permitted.**

Step II: Schools are open for in-person instruction with enhanced physical distancing measures and for children who live in the local geographic area only. **Athletic teams approved by the State Administration may conduct conditioning activities that follow social distancing norms with a recommended minimum of 6 feet between individuals.**

Step III: Schools are open for in-person instruction with distancing measures. Restrict attendance to those from limited transmission areas (other Step III areas) only. **Athletic teams approved by the State Administration may conduct normal training and interscholastic contests.**

Procedure

1. FHUHS will offer all extra curricular activities, including fall sports this year.
2. Registration through FormReleaf for fall sports participation is required prior to the first practice on September 8th.
3. Updated physicals are necessary every (14) months and must be on file with the school nurse prior to participation in extracurricular activities.
4. The VPA requires (10) practices prior to athlete participation in competitions and games.
5. Regardless if a student was in school that day or not (alternating schedules do not require students to be present every day in school), screenings will take place upon the first point of entry.
6. When a student arrives to the bus or the field, they need to be wearing a mask. If they are not, give them one to put on.
7. Have them sanitize their hands.
8. If another student arrives before screening the first student is complete, they need to stay 6 feet behind.
9. Ask screening questions, take temperature with touchless thermometer and record on card:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fCmvBJD1EHWuB-VAeWWcKMvkVIvYaaWFJZh9cgf5b8E/edit?usp=sharing>
10. At point of contact, if the answer to any of them is yes or they have a temperature of 100.4 or above, they need to be sent home immediately to the parent. If answers become yes during the day, students will be sent home immediately by following the usual dismissal procedures and keeping them physically distanced until their ride arrives.
11. All coaches will be trained in COVID-19 screening.
12. Coaches will be supplied with a thermometer, gloves, and hand sanitizer in their first aid bags at the beginning of the season by the Athletic Trainer.
13. The documentation will be turned into the Activities Director at the building for record keeping.
14. Strict attendance for the room needs to be recorded for contact tracing purposes.
15. No spectators will be admitted for practices or scrimmages.
16. Games will be limited to 150 spectators and they will be screened upon entrance.
17. Home games will be held in the evening when available.
18. Spectators will not be allowed re-entry into the game if they leave the field.
19. Contact tracing for spectators will be mandated at all home events prior to entering the facilities.
20. Athletes (home and away) will be allowed (2) tickets for parents per game at FHUHS.
21. Parents / guardians who have tickets must arrive 10 minutes prior to game time. If not, their tickets may not be available.
22. Remaining spectator spots will be on a first come, first serve basis.
23. All spectators will be approved through one point of entry (Charlotte's shack)
24. Spectators must practice social distancing and wear masks while waiting for admission.

25. Spectators will be removed from the event if they fail to follow the mandated facemask and social distancing guidelines.
26. **If administration feels the rules are not being followed by spectators, FHUHS reserves the right to ban spectators for the remainder of the season.**
27. Live Streaming of home games will be offered when available.
28. Spectators, athletes, and coaches will evacuate the premises immediately following all games, practices, and scrimmages. Loitering will not be allowed.
29. If an athlete wants to watch a game following their practice, they must get in line for admissions and go through the screening process again.
30. Artificial noisemakers are not permitted for use by spectators.
31. Admissions for all home football and soccer games will be \$5 per person. Please be sure to bring exact change.
32. Face Masks are required to be worn by all athletes, staff, coaches, spectators, and any person on school grounds. **Single ply gaiters and plastic face shields are not permitted.**
33. Athletes will be responsible for supplying their own personal gear such as: water bottles, towels, clothing, and shoes. These items should not be shared between students under any circumstance.
34. Students and coaches must wash their hands at the end of training sessions and contests.
35. Hydration stations (water cows, water trough, water fountains, coolers, etc.) must be cleaned daily.
36. Hand sanitizer must be used prior to handling/dispensing from water coolers.
37. Post game handshakes and line ups will not be allowed.
38. Locker Room usage will not be permitted.
39. Building access will not be allowed except for emergency situations.
40. Event staff and opposing teams are expected to arrive ready to play.
41. Portalets will be available for home games and events only. They will be cleaned on a regular basis.
42. Bleacher use will be permitted with social distancing measures taken. Signage and blocked sections will be designated to ensure social distancing.
43. Bleachers to be cleaned after each use.
44. Transportation will be provided for all extracurricular activities.
45. If a parent or guardian wants to transport their own child after a game, that will be allowed as long as they have prior approval in written form (note, email) to the main office or AD the day before an away game.
46. Travel team rosters will be modified where applicable.
47. Practices are to be held immediately after school at 2:10 PM or after 5 PM.
48. There will be a late bus at 4:20 PM daily for athletes who have practice directly after school.
49. After school supervision will be held in the cafeteria from 2:10 PM until 4:20 PM when the late bus arrives.
50. The FHUHS building is closed daily at 4:30 PM to allow for proper cleaning time.
51. Once a student leaves the building, they will not be allowed to reenter.
52. Concessions will not be available at home games.
53. During times when athletes are not actively participating in practice or competition, appropriate physical distancing shall be maintained.

54. Teams must structure team meetings to limit congregation and ensure physical distancing between players on the sidelines or benches.
55. No spitting on the field or sideline.
56. Teams should not practice without a member of the school's coaching staff present. Captain's practices are not allowed.
57. Whenever possible, an athletic trainer (or other approved medical professional) will be available at practices and games.