REOPENING PLAN
SCHOOL YEAR 2020-21 • REVISED OCTOBER 7, 2020
HEALTH PLAN FOR REOPENING SCHOOLS, FALL 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed schools in a precarious position, first by closing schools last Spring, and now with the pandemic in full swing as schools try to reopen for the Fall. Maury County Public Schools developed the following guidance and recommendations, based on the guidance provided by the Tennessee Department of Health, the Maury County Health Department, the Centers for Disease Control, and local and state health officials.

These are unprecedented times, and unprecedented actions will be needed to maintain the physical health of the thousands of students, staff, faculty and visitors that come through our buildings on a daily basis. These guidelines will not be easy to implement, and how these recommendations look in practice may vary slightly from building to building. The following procedures represent the current recommendations the State of TN has issued and strongly encouraged all school districts to meet. However, they are not yet State mandates at this time. Any mandates issued by the State of TN will be followed by MCPS.

As a school system, our job is to educate our students and prepare them for the future. Our number one goal is for all students to have equal access to a safe learning environment that promotes academic achievement, limits the amount of lost instructional time, and ensures that all students have the opportunity to learn.

We understand that we can best achieve these goals with students and teachers in school. The best route for ensuring the continuing availability of in person instruction is safeguarding the physical health and safety of students and staff. Without health, one cannot educate. Our highest commitment is to the health and safety of our staff and students while fostering the highest level of education for all students.

The information presented in this plan is subject to change at any time as circumstances and recommendations change.

Sources:
# MCPS Snapshot

**13,000+ Students**  **1800+ Employees**

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MCPS students and staff constitute roughly 15% of the Maury County population.
MCPS LEARNING MODELS 2020-2021

TRADITIONAL IN-PERSON WITH BLENDED LEARNING

Parents/Guardians will enroll their children in their school of record via online or paper forms.

Students will attend school 5 days a week and follow their traditional school schedule.

Health and safety protocols will be in place at each school.

Teachers will incorporate technology and embed online educational resources and/or programs within their weekly lesson planning.

Teachers will use a Learning Management System (LMS) to upload lesson plans and learning materials.

Students will be trained on how to access the LMS and other educational programs.

100% REMOTE LEARNING

Parents/Guardians will enroll their children in their school of record via online or paper forms.

Parents will fill out an additional document requesting the 100% Remote Learning per grading period.

At this time, K-4 will not have a MCPS issued device and will have weekly learning packets.

5-12 grades will have access to a MCPS issued device and will be able to access Odysseyware or Edgenuity to complete online assignments.

Remote learners will be monitored by MCPS teachers and will be able to access online textbooks and the LMS of their assigned teacher.

VIRTUAL ACADEMY OF MAURY COUNTY (VAMC)

VAMC is a state approved online school for students in 7-12 grades who qualify.

Parents/Guardians will fill out an application and await approval.

Once a student is approved, parents/guardians will enroll their children in VAMC, which will become the student’s school of record.

VAMC students will have access to a MCPS issued device and will learn through the online program Edgenuity.

VAMC students are monitored by MCPS teachers.

Once all graduation requirements are met, seniors will graduate from VAMC.

PIVOT PLAN: IN-PERSON TRANSITION TO REMOTE INSTRUCTION

This model will be used in the event traditional in-person learning must transition to remote learning.

The child’s teacher of record will continue to instruct via learning packets for K-4 or online via Google Classroom or Microsoft Teams for 5-12 grades.

Teachers and students transitioning from traditional in-person learning will continue to follow their normal schedules and routines by logging into virtual meetings with their teachers of record.

100% Remote Learners will continue their programs until the end of their agreed time.
DETERMINING HOW SCHOOL WILL OPERATE

MCPS will continue working with the Maury County Health Department and other agencies to develop and monitor formulas to track the spread and classify into four main categories based on percentage of active cases based on Maury County’s population.

The decision to go to remote learning may vary depending on external factors and critical data assessment.

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FEEDBACK

The following is data gathered from parents, teachers and other stakeholders concerning their outlook for the upcoming school year. We have used this data to help determine how and what we implement for the safety of our students and staff.

**HOW DO YOU PREFER YOUR CHILD ATTEND MCPS THIS YEAR?**

- 66%  Face-to-face
- 29%  Online
- 3%  My child will not attend this year.*

*Of the 3% - Fears of health risks, unclear mask rulings and moving out of district are some of the main reasons.

**WILL YOU BE SENDING YOUR STUDENT TO SCHOOL WITH A FACE COVERING?**

- Maybe  36%  2064 votes
- No  33%  1907 votes
- Yes  31%  1759 votes
**STAFF: HOW DO STAND ON REQUIRING MASKS**

- **37%** No 465 Votes
- **36%** Yes 454 Votes
- **27%** Unsure 337 Votes

**STAFF: HOW DO YOU STAND ON MAKING MASKS Optional?**

- **Yes** 59% 740 votes
- **No** 29% 364 votes
- **Unsure** 12% 153 votes

**STAFF: I FEEL THAT I CAN RETURN TO WORK SAFELY**

- **Strongly Agree** 20.8%
- **Agree** 38.5%
- **Neutral** 25.8%
- **Disagree** 11.5%
- **Strongly Disagree** 3.4%
SEEKING FEEDBACK FROM PRINCIPALS

We surveyed all MCPS principals asking them some of the most important questions regarding COVID-19 management. Here are some of their answers.

**SHOULD ALL STAFF WEAR A CLOTH FACE COVERING AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON CAMPUS UNLESS MEDICALLY CONTRADICTED?**

50% - YES 28% - NO 21% - NO BUT WILL RECOMMEND

**SHOULD ALL STUDENTS WEAR A CLOTH FACE COVERING AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON CAMPUS UNLESS MEDICALLY CONTRADICTED?**

12% – YES 68% – NO 18% – NO BUT WILL RECOMMEND

**SHOULD ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF BE PRE-SCREENED BEFORE ENTERING THE BUILDING?**

58% - YES 17% - NO 17% YES FOR ADULTS, NO FOR STUDENTS 5% - UNSURE

**STUDENTS AND STAFF SHOULD MAINTAIN A DISTANCE OF 6 FEET BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND OTHERS WHENEVER POSSIBLE, AND CLASSROOMS SHOULD BE STRUCTURED IN SUCH A WAY AS TO FACILITATE SOCIAL DISTANCING.**

64% NO, there is not enough physical space and/or encouragement will be hard with children.

36% YES

**SCHOOLS SHOULD NOT HOLD MASS GATHERINGS SUCH AS ASSEMBLIES AND PEP RALLIES UNLESS APPROPRIATE SOCIAL DISTANCING CAN BE MAINTAINED.**

63% - Yes Mass Gatherings are OK with Distancing 37% - No, this cannot be maintained

**LUNCHTIME SHOULD BE RESTRUCTURED TO ALLOW CHILDREN TO EAT THEIR LUNCH IN THEIR CLASSROOMS, RATHER THAN THE CAFETERIA.**

44% - YES, they should eat in their room

56% - NO, Cafeteria or other facility will be appropriate.
SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY
MCPS COVID-19
HEALTH AND SAFETY CHECKLIST

PRECAUTIONS

☐ Every school will have an identified location where a student or staff member who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 may be taken to isolate them from others until the individual can be picked up from school.

☐ Students and staff are screened daily for symptoms of COVID-19 or exposure to someone who was diagnosed in the previous 2 weeks. All students and staff will have their temperature checked with a no-touch thermometer prior to being allowed in the building.

☐ Address health care needs for high-risk students that may place them at greater risk for complications, if infected. This includes plans for short or long-term remote learning, depending on the needs of the child.

GATHERINGS & VISITORS

☐ Students and staff should maintain a distance of 6 feet between themselves and others whenever possible, and classrooms should be structured in such a way as to facilitate social distancing.

☐ Lunchtime should be restructured to allow children to eat their lunch in their classrooms, rather than the cafeteria if social distancing is comprised. Individuals should not wear a cloth face covering while eating or drinking.

☐ Schools will not hold mass gatherings such as assemblies and pep rallies unless appropriate social distancing can be maintained.

☐ Schools will not plan in person field trips but are encouraged to plan virtual field trips, where feasible.

☐ Entry of parents and other community members should be strictly limited. Guidelines will be in place to limit visitors in the school.
SOCIAL DISTANCING AND SURFACE CLEANING

☐ Designate one-way foot traffic patterns when distancing cannot be maintained.

☐ Consider moving teachers room to room instead of having students change classes.

Consider how to best limit crowding in hallways as students access lockers and move from one area of the school to another.

☐ Maintain social distancing while students are inside their personal lockers retrieving items.

☐ Schedules are outlined for the regular cleaning and disinfection of workstations, restrooms and high-touch surfaces throughout the day.

Hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol will be readily available for use by students and staff. Hand washing for at least 20 seconds, for all students and staff should be emphasized.

☐ Classrooms and high-touch surfaces such as door handles will be disinfected regularly throughout the school day.

☐ Water fountains will be disabled and a plan is in place to make sure water is accessible.

☐ Sharing of supplies and equipment will be discouraged.

TRAINING

☐ Pertinent training for staff on new policies and procedures and the importance of modeling behavior will be provided.

Education for staff around identifying signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and implementation of the school’s response plan in the event that a case is identified will be offered.

☐ Staff will teach and reinforce the importance of hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and social distancing with their students.
FACE COVERINGS

FACULTY & STAFF
All staff shall wear a cloth face covering when unable to properly social distance while on campus unless medically contradicted.

Face coverings should follow school and district dress code 6.3.10 regarding the design, colors and graphics on clothing as they will also apply to masks.

Read TN Health Department’s Entire Guidelines for Opening Schools and their recommendations for masks.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
Unless a student is unable to remove a cloth face covering without assistance, all middle school and high school students should wear a cloth face covering at all times while in the school building. Middle and high school students may remove their cloth face covering when outdoors so long as social distancing (6 ft minimum radius) can be maintained.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Unless a student is unable to remove a cloth face covering without assistance or sleeping, all elementary students should wear a cloth face covering while in the school building. Elementary students may remove their cloth face covering when outdoors so long as social distancing can be maintained.

Students who continuously play with, suck on, or chew their face covering should be excused from wearing one.

SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS
Maury County Public School will anticipate the needs of students with special health care needs, who maybe unable to wear a cloth face mask covering or socially distance.
STUDENT SCREENINGS

Parents/guardians should take their child’s temperature and ask the following questions of your child or on behalf of your child **BEFORE** sending your child to school every day.

- Have you had close contact* with anyone in the last 2 days who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, sore throat?
- Have you had a fever over 100° Fahrenheit (37°c) in the past 72 hours?
- Is your temperature currently over 100° F (37°c)?
- Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours?
- Have you had a new loss of taste or smell?
- Have you tested positive or are you currently awaiting test results for COVID-19?
- Has anyone in your household tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

If you/your child has answered YES to the above questions, please keep your child at home and seek further evaluation by a medical professional. When your child enters the school bus or school grounds, you are acknowledging that they have answered truthfully and that they do NOT exhibit any symptoms for COVID-19.

* Close contact is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

** Temperatures may be checked on the wrist or forehead.
STAFF SCREENINGS

All staff should have their temperature checked with a touchless thermometer upon arrival to school, but prior to entering the building. They must answer the following screening questions VIA QR code with their mobile device:

- Have you had close contact* with anyone in the last 2 days who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, sore throat?
- Have you had a fever over 100°F (37°C) in the past 72 hours?
- Is your temperature currently over 100°F (37°C)
  Staff member will have their temperature checked on site.
- Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours?
- Have you had a new loss of taste or smell?
- Have you tested positive or are you currently awaiting test results for COVID-19?
- Has anyone in your household tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?

When entering school grounds, you are acknowledging that you have answered truthfully and you do NOT exhibit any symptoms for COVID-19.

If a staff member is suspected to have symptoms as a result of the screening questions, they will be sent for further evaluation by school personnel.

*Close contact is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.
The following is the MCPS response chart if a student or staff member answers yes or no to any of the screening questions.

SCREENING AT HOME WITH PARENT, GUARDIAN or STAFF
Use QR Code / Online Survey (staff only)

YES SYMPTOMS
Stay at home
Seek medical advice

NO SYMPTOMS
Proceed to School

STAFF did not complete online screen

Temperature Check on School Grounds

On Site Screening & Temperature Check

YES FEVER

NO FEVER

YES FEVER
Further evaluation with school personnel

DENIED APPROVED

Sent home. Further medical advice suggested

Begin School Day

Any staff or students who exhibits symptoms consistent with COVID-19 are to be masked and isolated immediately and sent home as quickly as possible.
WHEN SOMEONE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SHOWING SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 OR THERE IS A CONFIRMED CASE

Immediately place a cloth face covering or a surgical mask on the individual and move to the place your school has identified as a safe area to isolate the individual.

Anyone assisting the individual should put on a cloth face covering or a surgical mask, eye protection, a gown and gloves, if possible and follow blood borne pathogen procedures. **Limit the number of people who are in direct contact with the ill individual.**

Ensure the individual is safe and does not need emergent medical attention. If the individual appears to be seriously ill, call 911 and inform them that you are calling about a possible/confirmed case of COVID-19.

Notify the emergency contact of the ill individual. If the individual is deemed stable, ask that they be picked up from school. If the individual requires medical attention, call 911 and inform them of the situation.

Contact the Central Office COVID Liason to notify them of a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.

Identify those who have been within 6 feet of the individual for 15 minutes or more at any time within 48 hours before the individual’s onset of symptoms until the individual has left school property to assist with contact tracing.

Clean and disinfect all areas where the individual has been while in the building.
RETURNING TO SCHOOL FOLLOWING ILLNESS

Before returning to school, the infected staff member or parent/guardian of student may return to school by meeting **ANY** of the following conditions.

- A health care provider has confirmed that the individual’s illness is not due to COVID-19 because another explanation has been identified.

- **Did the individual have a positive COVID-19 molecular/PCR/antigen test and complete isolation for a minimum of 10 days AND have resolution of fever (without fever-reducing medication) AND improvement in COVID-19 symptoms for at least 24 hours?** If so, the individual may return to school upon a release from the TN Department of Health.

- **In the case of an individual with symptoms who did not obtain testing, did the individual complete isolation for a minimum of 10 days AND have resolution of fever (without fever-reducing medications) AND improvement in COVID-19 symptoms for at least 24 hours?** If so, the individual may return to school.
CONSIDERATIONS FOR DETERMINING THE THRESHOLD TO SHIFT TO DISTANCE LEARNING

MCPS will follow the MCPS COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN as documented in the following pages.

*All considerations will be made by the designated COVID-19 Response Team in consultation with local and state health officials.*

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### COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

The TN Department of Health with assistance from the MCPS COVID-19 response team will monitor and assess the state of potential and active cases in the school system and provide guidance when/if positive cases occur on MCPS property.

This team consists of district administrators, school-level staff, local and state health officials.
COMMUNITY SPREAD IS LOW

ALL CONSIDERATIONS AND DECISIONS WILL GO BEFORE THE COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

NO CASES IN THE BUILDING

CLOTH FACE COVERINGS, DISTANCING, HAND HYGEINE EXPECTED IN ALL SITUATIONS

FOR EVERY IDENTIFIED CASE

Has individual been in the BUILDING or at school activities since 48h prior to onset of symptoms?

YES

Notify local public health. Consider closing CLASSROOM x 24h for cleaning and until the school has identified close contacts. Ensure contacts do not return to the building for 14 days from the last exposure. Reinforce prevention measures. Reopen CLASSROOM.

NO

Can all contacts be easily traced?

YES

NO

Notify local public health. Consider closing BUILDING x 24h for cleaning and until the school has identified close contacts. Ensure contacts do not return to the building for 14 days from the last exposure. Reinforce prevention measures. Reopen BUILDING, including CLASSROOM.

TWO OR MORE UNLINKED CASES

no common classes, close friends, teammates.

TWO OR MORE LINKED CASES WITHIN 14 DAYS

Common classmates, friend group, team mates, etc (excludes siblings)

INCREASING NUMBER OF CASES IDENTIFIED WITHIN 14 DAYS?

Are cases within a physical CLASSROOM space or relatively confined area?

YES

Confident that contacts have been identified?

YES

Treat as any other identified case. See PURPLE section for management of increasing number of cases within 14 days.

May need to consider 14 day closure of a section of hallway, grade or the entire building depending upon degree of involvement. Consult local department for guidance.

NO

Confident that contacts have been identified?

YES

Seriously consider 14-day closure of the involved areas. May need to consider BUILDING closure, if extensive exposure. Consult local health department for guidance.

NO

Notify local public health to assist with contact tracing of contacts. Ensure contacts do not return to the building for 14 days from the last exposure.

CONFIDENT THAT CONTACTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED?

YES

NO

Seriously consider 14-day closure of the BUILDING unless circumstances dictate otherwise. Consult local health department for guidance.

CONFIDENT THAT CONTACTS HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED?

YES

NO

Notify local public health. Consider closing BUILDING x 24h for cleaning and until the school has identified close contacts. Ensure contacts do not return to the building for 14 days from the last exposure. Reinforce prevention measures. Reopen BUILDING, including CLASSROOM.

CONFIDENT THAT CONTACTS HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED?

YES

NO

Respond to cases as outlined above. Continue with current plan.
COMMUNITY SPREAD IS MEDIUM

ALL CONSIDERATIONS AND DECISIONS WILL GO BEFORE THE COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

NO CASES IN THE BUILDING

CLOTH FACE COVERINGS, DISTANCING, HAND HYGIENE EXPECTED IN ALL SITUATIONS

Has individual been in the BUILDING or at school activities since 48h prior to onset of symptoms?

YES

Can All Contacts be easily traced?

YES

Notify local public health. Consider closing CLASSROOM x 24h for cleaning and until the school has identified close contacts. Ensure contacts do not return to the building for 14 days from the last exposure. Reinforce prevention measures. Restrict events and gatherings. Reopen CLASSROOM, Cohort students and staff.

NO

Notify local public health to assist with contact tracing of contacts. Ensure contacts do not return to the building for 14 days from the last exposure.

FOR EVERY IDENTIFIED CASE

Two or more unlinked cases
no common classes, close friends, teammates.

TWO OR MORE UNLINKED CASES

Notify local public health. Consider closing BUILDING x 24h for cleaning and until school has identified close contacts. Ensure contacts do not return to the building for 14 days from the last exposure. Restrict events and gatherings. Cohort students and staff. Reopen BUILDING, including classroom.

Two or more linked cases within 14 days
Common classmates, friend group, team mates, etc (excludes siblings)

TWO OR MORE LINKED CASES WITHIN 14 DAYS

Are cases within a physical CLASSROOM space or relatively confined area?

YES

Confident that contacts have been identified?

YES

May need to consider 14 day closure of a section of hallway, grade or the entire building depending upon degree of involvement. Consult local department for guidance.

NO

Confident that contacts have been identified?

Respond to cases as outlined above. Continue with current plan.

INCREASING NUMBER OF CASES IDENTIFIED WITHIN 14 DAYS?

Seriously consider 14-day closure of the BUILDING unless circumstances dictate otherwise. Consult local health department for guidance.

Notify local public health. Consider closing BUILDING x 24h for cleaning and until school has identified close contacts. Ensure contacts do not return to the building for 14 days from the last exposure. Reinforce prevention measures. Restrict events and gatherings. Reopen BUILDING, including classroom.

Can All Contacts be easily traced?

YES

Treat as any other identified case. See PURPLE section for management of increasing number of cases within 14 days.

NO

Cases have been identified?

YES

Notify local public health. Consult local health department for guidance.

NO

Notify local public health. Consider closing BUILDING x 24h for cleaning and until school has identified close contacts. Ensure contacts do not return to the building for 14 days from the last exposure. Restrict events and gatherings. Cohort students and staff. Reopen BUILDING, including classroom.

Consult local health department for guidance.

Consult local health department for guidance.
COMMUNITY SPREAD IS HIGH

ALL CONSIDERATIONS AND DECISIONS WILL GO BEFORE THE COVID-19 RESPONSE TEAM

- **NO CASES IN THE BUILDING**
- **CLOTH FACE COVERINGS, DISTANCING, HAND HYGIENE EXPECTED IN ALL SITUATIONS. NO GATHERINGS. COHORT STUDENTS AND STAFF WHERE POSSIBLE**

**FOR EVERY IDENTIFIED CASE**

- Has individual been in the BUILDING or at school activities since 48h prior to onset of symptoms? **YES**
  - Can All Contacts be easily traced? **YES**
    - Notify local public health. Consider CLOSING CLASSROOM x 24h for cleaning and until the school has identified close contacts. Exclude contacts from the building for x 14d. Reinforce prevention measures. Restrict events and gatherings. Reopen CLASSROOM. Cohort students and staff. Reduce numbers of students/staff present at the same time.
  - Can All Contacts be easily traced? **NO**
    - Notify local public health to assist with contact tracing of contacts. Ensure contacts do not return to the building for 14 days from the last exposure.

- Has individual been in the BUILDING or at school activities since 48h prior to onset of symptoms? **NO**
  - Notify local public health to assist with contact tracing of contacts. Ensure contacts do not return to the building for 14 days from the last exposure.

**TWO OR MORE UNLINKED CASES**

- no common classes, close friends, teammates.
- Treat as any other identified case. See PURPLE section for management of increasing number of cases within 14 days.

**TWO OR MORE LINKED CASES WITHIN 14 DAYS**

- Common classmates, friend group, team mates, etc (excludes siblings)
  - Are cases within a physical CLASSROOM space or relatively confined area? **YES**
    - Confident that contacts have been identified? **YES**
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    - Confident that contacts have been identified? **NO**
      - Seriously consider 14 day closure of a section of hallway, grade or the entire building depending upon degree of involvement. Consult local department for guidance.
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    - Confident that contacts have been identified? **YES**
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    - Confident that contacts have been identified? **NO**
      - Seriously consider 14-day BUILDING closure. Consult local health department for guidance.

**INCREASING NUMBER OF CASES IDENTIFIED WITHIN 14 DAYS?**

- Consider Minimum 14-day BUILDING closure unless circumstances dictate otherwise. Consult local health department for guidance.

- Respond to cases as outlined above. Continue with current plan.

- Consult local health department for guidance.

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BUS DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR COVID-19

SAFETY

Fill out Health sheet along with pre-trip sheet each day.

Strongly request wearing a mask when students are present or moving among students. Gloves and hand sanitizer are also available.

Recommended to keep windows open when possible to provide adequate air circulation.

Upon arrival to school, each bus rider will have their temperature checked.

SEATING

To decrease close contact among students LOAD buses from back to front and UNLOAD from front to back.

Keep seat behind driver open, if possible. Leave front, passenger-side, seat available for sick children. Notify school if student appears to be ill.

Students must not change seats during the trip, unless driver approved. Recommend seating chart. Should not be any three to a seat.

Social distance student seating as much as possible.

Keep family members together as much as possible.

Release students one seat at a time to allow for distancing.

CLEANING

Disinfect seat corners, entrance rails, and driver steering wheel after each route.

Floor to be swept as needed, at least twice a week. Empty trash cans when the floor is swept.

Will have bus fogged after each afternoon route.

Due to the unpredictable nature of COVID-19, parents are advised to be prepared for potential bus service interruptions and provide alternative transportation.
MCPS chief of staff has verified the following:

- Staff will remain home when ill and have been notified of COVID FMLA leaves.

In order to prepare for increased absenteeism and limited substitute teacher pools, including teachers, aides and bus drivers, MCPS has submitted a survey to capture that information.

- Supervisors have been given the authority to modify work opportunities so staff can work from home when deemed necessary.
COMMUNICATIONS

SAMPLE LETTERS
Dear Parent or Guardian,

This letter is to notify you that a case of COVID-19 has been reported at ____________ School and it has been determined that your child was a close contact of that individual. Our school district follows Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Tennessee Department of Health guidelines for the management of individuals who have been diagnosed with, or exposed to, COVID-19. Our school district follows these strict guidelines to protect the safety of our students, families, and staff.

We are committed to ensuring the safest environment possible while providing continuity of education to our students. We are working collaboratively with the Tennessee Department of Health, to identify and advise ill and exposed students and staff. Our focus is to avoid the need to close our schools.

Being that your child has been exposed to COVID-19:
- Your child must **STAY AT HOME** until you have been contacted by the Health Department.
- Your child **MAY NOT** return to school until provided a release from the Health Department.
- Your child **should not leave the home** except to obtain medical evaluation.
- If there is no choice but to leave the home, your child should wear a cloth face covering and remain at least six feet from others. Your child should not attend group gatherings or attend childcare.

Date of last exposure at school: ________________

While the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19 does not cause illness in every person who becomes infected, it is highly contagious. The virus spreads through the air by coughing and sneezing. Your child is at risk of getting sick for up to 14 days after they last had contact with an infected person.

If your child becomes ill during the stay at home period, contact your child’s medical provider for guidance. It is not necessary to obtain a COVID-19 test for your child unless your child develops symptoms of COVID-19. A negative COVID-19 test does **NOT** alter the 14-day period.

If you have questions about these instructions, please contact your school or your local health department.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Karl A. Lang
Director of Pupil Services
Maury County Public Schools

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Fecha: ______________

Estimado Padre o Guardián,

Esta carta es para notificarle que un caso de COVID-19 ha sido reportado en la Escuela, y se ha determinado que su hijo estuvo en contacto cercano de esa persona. Nuestro distrito escolar sigue las pautas de los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades (CDC), y el Departamento de Salud del Estado de Tennessee para el manejo de personas que han sido diagnosticadas, o expuestas a COVID-19. Nuestro distrito escolar sigue estas estrictas pautas para proteger la seguridad de las familias estudiantes, y el personal escolar.

Estamos comprometidos a garantizar el entorno más seguro posible mientras proporcionamos continuidad de la educación a nuestros estudiantes. Estamos trabajando en colaboración con el Departamento de Salud del Estado de Tennessee, para identificar y asesorar a estudiantes, personal enfermo, y los que están expuestos. Nuestro enfoque es evitar la necesidad de cerrar nuestras escuelas.

**Siendo que su hijo ha estado expuesto al COVID-19:**
- Su hijo debe permanecer en la casa hasta que haya sido contactado por el Departamento de Salud.
- Su hijo NO PUEDE regresar a la escuela hasta que sea absuelto por el Departamento de Salud.
- Su hijo no debe salir de la casa excepto para obtener una evaluación médica.
- **Si no hay otra opción que salir de casa, su hijo debe usar una cubierta de tela y permanecer al menos a seis pies de los demás. Su hijo no debe asistir a reuniones en grupos, ni asistir a ninguna guardería de niños.**

**Fecha del el último día que fue expuesto en la escuela ______________**

Mientras que el virus SARS-CoV-2 que causa COVID-19 no causa enfermedad en todas las personas que se infectan, es altamente contagioso. El virus se propaga por el aire tosiendo y estornudando. Su hijo está en riesgo de enfermarse hasta los 14 días, después de haber tenido contacto por última vez con una persona infectada.

Si su hijo se enferma durante el periodo de estadía en casa, comuníquese con el proveedor médico de su hijo para obtener orientación. No es necesario obtener una prueba COVID-19 para su hijo a menos que su hijo desarrolle síntomas de COVID-19. Una prueba COVID-19 negativa NO altera el periodo de 14 días.

Si tiene preguntas sobre estas instrucciones, comuníquese con su escuela o con su departamento de salud local.

Sinceramente,

[Signature]

Karl A. Lang
Director de Servicios Estudiantiles
Escuelas Públicas del Condado Maury

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SUPPLIES AVAILABLE

- Touchless thermometers for daily screening of staff and students
- Hand sanitizer (minimum 60% alcohol and dispensers)
- Disinfecting wipes and other cleaning and disinfecting supplies
- Cloth face coverings for all staff and students
- Tape to mark floors for traffic flow and reminders to distance
- Posters and signage indicating traffic flow patterns, reminders and procedures for following social distancing
- Surgical masks, face shields, gloves, and gowns for nursing staff and anyone interacting with potentially ill staff and students
MCPS COVID-19 SPORTS REGULATIONS RULES AND MODIFICATIONS per TSSAA guidelines
COVID-19 Sports Regulations
August 10, 2020 version
August 26, 2020 version
September 8, 2020 version

The following regulations will be in place for all sports until further notice. Regulations 1, 2, and 4 include the CDC’s latest isolation/quarantine measures approved by the Tennessee Department of Health for the management of COVID-19 in schools. These regulations do not guarantee safety, but they are meant to encourage safe practices that will maximize our ability to engage in sports competition during the COVID-19 pandemic. While much about COVID-19 and its spread remains unknown, our collective hope for continuing sports competition depends on the willingness of every member school to apply and enforce these regulations.

1. **Temperature checks are required for all coaches, players, and team personnel prior to every practice.** Anyone whose temperature measures 100.4 or greater must be sent home immediately and may not return to participation until he/she provides documentation that they have tested negative for COVID-19 or obtained a medical evaluation by a physician verifying that COVID-19 is not the cause of his/her fever.
   - **Isolation for COVID-19:** Any student or staff who has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 must isolate at home for a period of 10 days from the onset of their symptoms (or from the date tested if asymptomatic) AND must be fever-free (without the use of fever-reducing medications) AND have improvement in symptoms for at least 24 hours.
   - **Quarantine for exposure to COVID-19:** Any student or staff who has been in close contact (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer) of a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 must quarantine at home for a period of 14 days from their last exposure to that individual.

2. **No coach, player, or team personnel may participate in practice or a contest without first completing appropriate COVID-19 screening.** Persons should not participate while ill. If the answer is “YES” to any of the following questions, the coach, player, or team personnel may not participate until obtaining an evaluation by a medical provider verifying his/her fitness to safely do so:
   - Have you had any of the following symptoms in the past 7 days?
     - Fever
     - Cough
     - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
     - Shaking chills
     - Chest pain, pressure, or tightness with exercise
     - Fatigue or difficulty with exercise
     - Racing heart rate
     - Unusual dizziness
     - Loss of taste or smell
     - Sore throat
     - Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
     - Unusual rash or painful discoloration of fingers or toes
• Do you have moderate to severe asthma, a heart condition, diabetes, chronic kidney or liver disease, or take medication or have a medical condition that weakens your immune system? (details are not required; the purpose of the question is solely to ascertain whether the individual is high risk for severe symptoms).
• Have you or a family/household member been diagnosed with or tested positive for COVID-19 infection or been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the past 14 days?

Each coach, player, or team personnel member must be asked these questions before the first practice in which he/she participates, and again on at least a weekly basis.

A printed list of the questions should be given to each coach, player, or team personnel member with instructions that the questions are continuing throughout the season. If at any time the answer to any question becomes “YES,” the individual should promptly inform the head coach or team trainer and should obtain an evaluation by a medical provider before further participation.

• Isolation/Quarantine: Any student or staff who has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or has been in close contact of a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 must follow the isolation/quarantine requirements in Regulation No. 1 above.

3. No scrimmages, jamborees, 7-on-7 practice, or other types of practice with other teams is permitted. Team versus team competition may take place only at official contests.

4. At contests all coaches, players, team personnel, officials, administrators, and fans must have their temperatures checked before entering the facility. No one whose temperature measures 100.4 or greater may be admitted. Any coach, player, and team personnel refused admission under this regulation may not return to participation until providing documentation that he/she has tested negative for COVID-19 or obtained a medical evaluation by a physician verifying that COVID-19 is not the cause of his/her fever. For spectator screening areas, if a line forms or is anticipated to form, ensure 6 or more feet of separation between persons or household groups (e.g., ground markings and/or announcements).

• Isolation/Quarantine: Any student or staff who has symptoms consistent with COVID-19, has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or has been in close contact of a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 must follow the isolation/quarantine requirements in Regulation No. 1 above.

5. At each contest the following symptom checklist shall be posted prominently at the spectator entrance(s) instructing that anyone who is experiencing any of these symptoms during the preceding 7 days must not be admitted:
   • Fever
   • Cough
   • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
   • Shaking chills
• Chest pain, pressure, or tightness with exercise
• Fatigue or difficulty with exercise
• Racing heart rate
• Unusual dizziness
• Loss of taste or smell
• Sore throat
• Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
• Unusual rash or painful discoloration of fingers or toes

6. At contests in localities where fan attendance is permitted, member schools are encouraged to limit fan attendance to a number that will allow adequate social distancing (e.g., 1/4 to 1/3 of typical seating capacity, depending on the characteristics of the particular venue) and should mark/designate bleachers or seats in order to promote social distancing among spectators. Member schools must facilitate compliance with any applicable state or local order limiting gathering sizes for participation in public events. In consultation with local health providers, member schools in areas experiencing high virus transmission should consider further limitations on attendance (e.g., family members only, or no spectators). Limit informal gathering in areas where social distancing cannot be maintained.

7. Member schools will require that all fans wear facial coverings if within 6 feet of others and if using a projected voice within 15 feet of others at all times while on-site (except children under age 2) and maintain social distancing (six feet, or the equivalent of two empty seats between themselves and other fans) from anyone other than those living in the same household.

Member schools may have to make appropriate exceptions or accommodations for young children and those with medical or health reasons if not able to wear a face covering.

8. The temperature check and questionnaire requirements of Items 1 and 2 above, as well as the social distancing requirement of Item 7, shall also apply to members of a school band or pep band, cheerleaders, or other similar student groups attending a contest in a supporting role. Due to the potential increased risk of virus transmission during certain activities, the use of school bands at contests is discouraged. If the band is present, limit to a halftime performance or relocate the band from the stands to other available areas away from crowds and increase the amount of physical distance between band members. Increase the amount of physical distance between cheerleaders as well as between cheerleaders and other persons if projected voices are to be used.

9. If a public address system is in use for a contest, the host school will make public service announcements at various times during the contest to remind those in attendance to use masks and maintain physical distancing.

10. The host school is responsible for providing staff to engage in frequent cleaning and sanitizing of restroom facilities during contests.

11. Concession stands are discouraged because they tend to invite gatherings of people in close quarters. If a member school chooses to operate a concession stand at a contest, signage or other
appropriate markings must be in place to encourage customers to maintain physical distancing while standing in line. Where possible, schools that choose to operate concession stands are encouraged to arrange for call-in orders in order to reduce the number of people gathering to stand in line and to limit the number of concession workers. All concession stand workers must wear facial coverings and must maintain as much physical distance as possible in the confines of the concession stand.

12. All coaches must complete the free NFHS online course “COVID-19 for Coaches and Administrators,” before the first contest (preferably as soon as possible). Administrators with athletic responsibilities are also encouraged to complete the course. The link to access the course is here: [https://nfhslearn.com/courses/covid-19-for-coaches-and-administrators](https://nfhslearn.com/courses/covid-19-for-coaches-and-administrators).

In addition to these regulations, TSSAA has developed the accompanying rules modifications and guidelines for returning to competition generally and for the specific fall sports. Those rules modifications and guidelines, like these regulations, do not guarantee the safety of participants and fans but are designed to encourage the member schools to engage in safe practices. The knowledge base related to COVID-19 is evolving. TSSAA may modify the regulations, rules modifications, and guidelines as more about COVID-19 is learned. All coaches and administrators are encouraged to check the TSSAA website regularly for any modifications to these regulations, rules modifications, or guidelines. TSSAA regulations are minimum regulations. Each member school is encouraged to remain apprised of local conditions and to consult with local health authorities in order to determine whether more rigorous standards are needed. The decision about whether and how athletic competition can be safely conducted is the responsibility of the administration of the school.
General Considerations for all TSSAA Sports
Returning to Competition During the COVID-19 Pandemic
August 10, 2020 version

Pre-Game Procedures
- While it has always been customary to shake hands as a part of the pre-game conferences and activities, this should not take place during this pandemic.
- Pre-game conferences will take place with fewer officials, coaches and staff than in years past. Refer to the sport specific guidelines for details.

Team Benches
- Social distancing is encouraged for bench personnel. Schools should carefully consider the role of all bench personnel, relocate those whose work can be performed away from the bench area, and eliminate those who are non-essential.
- Players and coaches should provide their own water, sports drinks, etc. Game officials should allow sufficient time during a timeout for players to access their personal water bottles. In the event a school supplies water for players who do not have their own water bottles, the school should use disposable wax-lined paper cups.

Officials Table / Press Box
- Should be limited to essential personnel to ensure social distancing. Schools should carefully consider the role of all personnel at the officials' table and press box, relocate those whose work can be performed away from the officials' table and press box, and eliminate those who are non-essential.

Post-Game Procedures
- Handshakes, hugs, etc. have always been an integral part of postgame procedures. During this pandemic, these should not take place.

Dressing Facilities
- If available, dressing facilities for game officials and teams should be large enough for them to use social distancing protocols and should be properly cleaned and sanitized prior to their arrival. Otherwise, consider rotating locker room use to limit the number of persons inside a confined space at any one time.

Mouthguards
- Athletes should refrain from removing mouthguards while on the playing field, court, or mat. If mouthguards are removed on the sidelines or bench area, the athlete should use hand sanitizer each time after touching the mouthguard.

Contest Officials
- Officials are not responsible for monitoring activities on the sidelines, such as social distancing, hand washing, symptoms of illness, handshakes, or other such issues. This monitoring remains with the coaching staff and school personnel.
- Cloth face coverings are permissible. If worn, they should be solid in color, all alike, and not contain any images or logos.
- Electronic whistles are permissible, but not likely to be available
- Officials should provide their own water, sports drinks, etc.


2020-21 NFHS Soccer Rules Modifications

Practice
- Cannot... excerpt from executive order

Pregame Conference (5-2-2d)
- Limit attendees to head referee or center referee, the head coach from each team, and a single captain from each team.
- All individuals maintain a social distance of 6 feet.
- Suspend handshakes prior to and following the Pregame Conference.

Ball Holders (6-1)
- Encourage social distancing of 6 feet

Team Benches (1-5-1)
- Players and coaches are encouraged to practice social distancing in the team box.

Substitution Procedures (3-4)
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet between the substitute, officials and/or teammate(s) by encouraging substitutions to occur closer to the center line.

Officials Table (6-2; 6-3)
- Limit to essential personnel which includes home team scorer and timer with a recommended distance of 6 feet between individuals. Visiting team personnel (scorer, statisticians, etc.) are not deemed essential personnel and will need to find an alternative location.

Pre and Post Match Ceremony
- Suspend the pregame world cup introduction line and send players to their field positions with bench personnel lined up on the touch line (3-6 feet apart) for introductions.
2020-21 NFHS Volleyball Rules Modifications

Prematch Conference (1-2-4a; 1-6-2; 1-6-3; 2-1-10; 5-4-1h, k; 5-6-1; 7-1-1; 7-1-1 PENALTIES 1; 9-1a; 12-2-3)
- Limit attendees to one coach from each team, first referee and second referee.
- Move the location of the prematch conference to center court with one coach and one referee positioned on each side of the net. All four individuals maintain a social distance of 3 to 6 feet.
- Suspend the use of the coin toss to determine serve/receive. The visiting team will serve first in set 1 and alternate first serve for the remaining non-deciding sets.
- Suspend roster submission at the prematch conference. Rosters are submitted directly to the officials' table before the 10-minute mark.

Team Benches (5-4-4b, 9-1-2, 9-1-2 NOTE, 9-3-3b)
- Suspend the protocol of teams switching benches between sets. In the event there is a clear and distinct disadvantage, teams may switch sides, observing all social distancing protocols. Officials will determine if a disadvantage is present. If teams switch sides, high-touch surfaces should be sanitized.
- Limit bench personnel to observe social distancing of 3 to 6 feet.

Deciding Set Procedures [1-2-4b, 5-4-4c, 5-5-3b(26), 9-2-3c]
- Move the location of the deciding set coin toss to center court with team captains and the second referee maintaining the appropriate social distance of 3 to 6 feet. A coin toss, called by the home team, will decide serve/receive.
- Suspend the protocol of teams switching benches before a deciding set. In the event there is a clear and distinct disadvantage, teams may switch sides, observing all social distancing protocols. Officials will determine if a disadvantage is present.

Substitution Procedures (2-1-7, 10-2-1, 10-2-3, 10-2-4)
- Maintain social distancing of 3 to 6 feet between the second referee and the player and substitute by encouraging substitutions to occur within the substitution zone closer to the attack line.

Officials Table (3-4)
- Limit to essential personnel which includes home team scorer, libero tracker and timer with a recommended distance of 3 to 6 feet between individuals. Visiting team personnel (scorer, statisticians, etc.) are not deemed essential personnel and will need to find an alternative location.

Equipment and Accessories (4-1)
- Cloth face coverings are permissible. (4-1-4)
- Gloves are permissible. (4-1-1) If used, gloves are not a substitute for regular hand washing or sanitization.
Legal Uniform (4-2)
- Long sleeves are permissible. (4-2-1)
- Long pants are permissible. [4-2-1i (1)]
- Under garments are permissible, but must be unadorned and of a single, solid color similar in color to the predominant color of the uniform top or bottom. [4-2-1h (3), 4-2-1i (2)]

Officials Uniform and Equipment (5-3)
- By state association adoption, long-sleeved, all-white collared polo shirt/sweater are permissible. (5-3-1 NOTES 2)

2020 TSSAA Cross Country Modifications/Considerations

- Social distancing of at least 6 feet should be maintained at all times where practicable. No hugging, shaking hands, or fist bumps for support/encouragement.
- Cross country meets should consider using staggered, wave or interval starts and a wider starting line if space permits. Starts should be prompt so runners are kept on the starting line for as little time as possible.

Possible Rule Modifications
- 8-1-3a: Consider widening the course to at least 6 feet at its narrowest point.

Finish
- Consider using finish corrals and FAT timing for larger meets as easier to distance at finish.
- With no FAT timing system consider alternative means of finish place and time to address congestion at finish line.
- Consider using image-based equipment at finish to assist with picking place to avoid congestion.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and equipment.

Pregame and Postgame Ceremony
- Establish cross country specific social distancing meet protocols including the elimination of handshakes before and after the match.
2020 NFHS Football Rule Modifications

BALL (Rule 1-3-2)
- The ball holders should maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times during the contest.

FACE MASKS [Rules 1-5-1a, 1-5-3c(4)]
- Cloth face coverings are permissible to be worn under the face mask. A neck gaiter or Buff is not permitted.
- Plastic shields covering the entire face (unless integrated into the face mask and attached to the helmet and clear without the presence of any tint) shall not be allowed during the contest. The following two shields, clear without the presence of any tint, are complaint with Rule 1-5-3c(4) but are neither endorsed nor mandated:
  - Shutt Sports – Flexible 2-piece “Splash Shield” (Clear).
  - Actuated Medical, Inc. – Polycarbonate 2-piece face shield (Clear).

GLOVES (Rule 1-5-2b)
- Gloves are permissible but still must comply with Rule 1-5-2b by meeting either the NOCSAE Standard or the SFIA Specification. If used, gloves are not a substitute for regular hand washing or sanitization.

CHARGED TIME-OUTS AND AUTHORIZED CONFERENCES (Rules 2-6-2, 3-5-3, 3-5-8)
- A single charged time-out may be extended to a maximum of two minutes in length.
- The authorized conference for the charged time-out should take place between the 9-yard marks and not at the sideline for social-distancing purposes. (It would be permissible for more than one coach to be involved in this conference and for technology to be used.)
- Each game official and player should have their own beverage container brought out to them on the field.

INTERMISSION BETWEEN PERIODS AND AFTER SCORING (Rule 3-5-7f)
- The intermission may be extended to a maximum of two minutes between the first and second and the third and fourth periods and following a try, successful field goal or safety, and prior to the succeeding free kick.

FOOTBALL GAME OFFICIALS MANUAL CONSIDERATIONS
GAME OFFICIALS UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT
- Electronic whistles are permissible (supplies are limited).
- Cloth face coverings are permissible.
- Gloves are permissible. If used, gloves are not a substitute for regular hand washing or sanitization.
- Do not share uniforms, towels and other apparel and equipment.

PREGAME CONFERENCE, COIN TOSS AND OVERTIME PROCEDURES
For the coin toss, limit attendees to the referee, umpire and one designated representative from each team.

- Coin toss should take place in the center of the field with designated individuals maintaining social distancing of 6 feet.
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet while performing all pregame responsibilities with all officiating crew members, game administration staff, line-to-gain crew, clock operators, individuals handling the balls during the game and team personnel.
- For the overtime procedure, please use the same procedure as used at the start of the contest for the coin toss.

2020-2021 TSSAA Bowling Modifications

The following rules have been designated for temporary exceptions to be effective until further notice:

- Effective immediately, USBC has temporarily waived USBC Playing Rules 106a, 106b, 320a and 320b, which state two lanes must be used for competition and bowlers must alternate lanes — bowling five frames on each lane of the pair. It also waived the requirement that both lanes must be used for a bowler to be eligible for awards and average recognition. The temporary waiver allows competitions to use one lane for the entirety of a game.

- USBC will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and can rescind the waiver of Rules 106a, 106b, 320a and 320b at any time.

- USBC also created an exception for Rule 18, which restricts the use of liquid cleaners to clean the outer surface of the bowling ball during USBC certified competition. The exception for Rule 18 applies only to isopropyl alcohol — no other USBC-approved cleaners will be allowed during competition.

2020 TSSAA Golf Modifications/Considerations

The guidance below supplements the “Back2Golf Operational Playbook,” an industry-wide initiative by the USGA, PGA of America, National Golf Course Owners Association, Golf Course Superintendents Association, Club Managers Association, and the LPGA Tour and PGA TOUR. To review the Back2Golf Operational Playbook, click here. Per the TSSAA Golf Regulations, all competition is to be played by the USGA Rules of Golf.

GUIDANCE IN APPLYING GOLF’S RULES AND POSTING SCORES FOR HANDICAP PURPOSES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC provided by the USGA can be found at https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/rulesarticles/covid-19-rules-and-handicapping-faqs.html

- BUNKERS AND BUNKER RAKES

It is a normal part of the game to place a responsibility on all players to smooth sand in a bunker from which they have played. Committees have many options as to how to treat bunkers, which are largely dependent on the resources available.

- FLAGSTICK

The flagstick serves an important purpose in the game of golf – an indicator to a player as to where the hole is located on the putting green or a target for shots.

While the options for recreational play and competition are the same, some are more likely than others to alter how the game is normally played (such as removing all flagsticks from the course) while others are resource-intensive (such as having staff, a forecaddie or a volunteer stationed at each putting green and attending for all players over a day of recreational golf or during a competition).

During a competition, giving players the option to leave the flagstick in the hole or have it attended and removed are parts of the game.

- SCORECARDS AND SCORING

Committees have a number of options available when trying to minimize the possibility of exposing players to coronavirus through the handling of scorecards.

2020-21 TSSAA Basketball Modifications/Considerations
Pre-Game
- If a game administrator’s meeting is required, social distancing is recommended and face masks are permissible.
- Player introductions – each player introduced will go to an area in front of their team bench. There shall not be any contact with the officials or opposing team.
- Captain’s meeting – only one player from each team and the officials will be present. Social distancing is recommended and face masks are permissible.

Team Benches
- Limit the number of bench personnel.
- Only coaches, players in uniform, and medical personnel are allowed on the bench.
- Additional chairs or rows may be added to allow bench personnel to observe social distancing. All chairs and/or rows must be in the coaches’ box.
- Create separation between the team bench and spectators seating behind the bench.
- Personnel not in the game should adhere to any required local face covering requirements.

Officials’ Table
- The host should sanitize the table before and after the game.
- Limit seats at the table – home team scorer, timer, and announcer. Social distancing is recommended. Other personnel (visiting scorer, media, statisticians etc.) should be placed at an alternate site.
- Face coverings are permissible for table personnel.

Post-Game
- Suspend post-game protocol of shaking hands with the opposing team.

Officials
- The COVID-19 guidelines will be enforced by the school administration.
- Can go to the contest dressed.
- Long sleeve official’s shirts are permissible.
- Electronic whistles are permissible (supplies are limited).
- Check with the schools you have been assigned regarding mask requirements and temperature checks. Some schools or school systems will have requirements when officials enter their schools. Please call ahead & check the local requirements.
- We recommend you wear a face mask at the game administrator’s meeting and when you meet with the personnel at the scorer’s table in the pre-game meeting (checking line-ups, going over rule changes, etc.) and also when you meet with the captains prior to the game.
- Bring your own water, some sites might not have concession stands or water available.
- Captain’s meeting -- only one player from each team and the officials.
2020-21 TSSAA Wrestling Modifications/Considerations

Coaches
- Limit the size of groups that interact with each other during practice.
- Consider keeping groups together for the duration of practice during the season.
- Consider scheduling smaller events if possible (more duals, less larger tournaments).
- Face coverings should be worn.

Wrestlers
- Face coverings should be worn off the mat when not competing.
- Limit interaction with athletes from opposing schools.
- Eliminate handshakes with opposing coaches post-match.
- No shared equipment, towels, headgear, practice gear, etc.

Competitions
- Have hand sanitizer at each scorer’s table.
- Disinfect mats after each round of competition if possible.
- Eliminate all handshakes not required by NFHS Rules (opposing coaches, etc.).
- Conduct Weigh-ins by team instead of by weight class at dual meets and tournaments with social distancing guidelines in place.
- Table workers should wear face coverings.

Officials
- Bring personal hand sanitizer. Wash hands frequently.
- Do not share equipment.
- Do not shake hands with wrestlers and coaches. Officials shall forego the traditional end-of match procedure of raising the winning wrestler’s hand and declare the winner by raising his/her arm band that corresponds to the assigned color of the winning wrestler.
- Officials should wear face coverings off the mat when not officiating if social distancing is not possible.
- Officials may wear face coverings on the mat.
- Conferences with coaches at the scorer’s table should take place with proper social distancing.
- Check with host schools regarding procedures for temperature checks, dressing facilities, etc.

Parents/Guardians
- Make sure your child and immediate household members are free from illness before participating in practice and competition (if there is doubt stay home).
- Provide personal items for your child and clearly label them.
- Disinfect your students’ personal equipment after each game or practice.
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