



**DEER VALLEY**  
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The mission of Deer Valley High School is to create a safe and positive learning culture by empowering students with the essential skills necessary to lead in their homes, careers, and communities.

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Dear Skyhawk Nation,

Deer Valley Unified School District is committed to the safety and well-being of all of our students. Accordingly, the current state of the pandemic in Arizona has made us adjust our athletics activities several times. Given that our District's Public Health Benchmark metrics continue to trend in a positive direction, and in light of the decision made today by our sports governing body, the Arizona Interscholastic Association, we can adjust our Return to Play plan accordingly. Beginning today, September 2, 2020, we will move to what we are calling Stage 4 of our Return to Play plan. The following mitigation strategies and safety measures will be implemented so that athletic activities can continue on our campuses for our high school student-athletes:

- Drills and competitions may be performed in groups of no more than 50 outside and no more than 25 inside.
- Masks must be worn both coming to and leaving all activities by coaches and student-athletes. Where possible, coaches should ensure student-athletes are complying with this directive.
- Masks must be worn for the duration of indoor activities by coaches. Student-athletes involved in strenuous activities do not have to wear a mask. Masks must be worn anytime a student-athlete is not engaged in strenuous activity (breaks, waiting to join a competition, spotting another player in the weight room, etc.)
- Locker rooms may be used for fall sports as long as student-athletes wear masks and are socially distanced. Coaches will be expected to supervise and locker rooms will be marked to clearly indicate proper social distancing.
- Sports equipment may be shared, but must be cleaned between sessions.
- No personal equipment may be shared--towels, batting helmets, etc.
- Drinking fountains are operational, but coaches should continue to encourage student-athletes to bring their own water bottles.
- There should be no penalty for student-athletes who are not allowed to attend. Coaches should provide alternative activities for student-athletes who cannot attend.
- Hand-washing and/or sanitizing is required and coaches should actively encourage this habit. Student-athletes should hand-wash or sanitize upon entering a campus location.

***Please remember that student-athletes should stay home if they feel sick, are showing symptoms or have close contact with a confirmed positive case of coronavirus. Please see our district website for further information about COVID-19 and our return to school safely.***

To check what Stage our athletics are currently in, please view our district athletic website at <https://www.dvusd.org/Page/71208>.

Thank you. Go Skyhawks!

Stacy Spencer  
Athletic Director  
Deer Valley High School

*Graduating lifelong learners who will successfully compete, lead, and positively impact the world.*