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FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL RETURN TO COMPETITION PROTOCOLS

The safety of our student-athletes, coaching staff, Fairview Park community and other school communities is our primary focus as we start to resume school sponsored athletic contests for home Fairview athletic contests. The following guidelines and procedures will be implemented until further notice and will be updated as needed, based on new information and guidance from national, state and local governments and agencies.

The information in this document has been gathered from mandates, recommendations and guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Ohio Department of Health (ODH), National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) and Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA), along with the approval from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) and Fairview Park City Schools Administration.

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Return to Competition for Contact Sports

- All contact sports (Football, Volleyball, Soccer) will play a conference ONLY schedule, plus OHSAA Playoff games.
- Protocols for transportation and hosting of events will be developed for each sport and event type.
- Conference norms will be in place for each sport and event and will be followed throughout the season
- When possible, games will be spread out to maximize days in between games.

High School Sports

- Football will begin on September 11th (originally Week 3) and will play all 9 conference schools, plus OHSAA Playoffs. The full 10 game season will end on November 13th.
- Boys and Girls Soccer will play a conference only schedule of 9 games each, plus the OHSAA Playoffs (mid-October). Boys will begin on 8/25 and Girls will begin on 8/31. Each season will end when the teams are eliminated from the OHSAA tournament.
- Volleyball will play a conference only schedule of 18 games, plus OHSAA Playoffs (Week of 10/19). The season will begin on 8/25 and will end when eliminated from the OHSAA Playoffs.

Middle School Sports

- Football will begin in conjunction with the first week of the HS Season. The first two weeks of the MS season have been canceled and they will begin on 9/9. They will play 6 conference games (one per week) and their season will conclude on 10/13
- Volleyball will delay the start of their season by two weeks and will begin competition on 8/31. Their last regular season match will be 10/12. The conference will not hold their annual end of season tournament.
- All HOME Volleyball games will be moved from the MS gym to the HS gym to allow for protocols to be followed and spacing to better occur.
- Per the Great Lakes Conference, MS Volleyball games will have home fans ONLY due to size and capacity issues in most Middle School gyms.

SUMMARY OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ORDER

Section 5

- An “Enforcement Officer” must be implemented at each event. This person will be responsible for the carrying out of the mandates in this order. This will most often be the Athletic Director, but may also be another administrator or designee.
- Everything in this order is enforceable by law and statutes within ODH and OHSAA
- Failure to comply with any of these orders could result in forfeiture of contests, cancellation of current and future athletic events, state fines, or other state citations

6.a. (Players, Coaches, and Officials)

- All players, coaches, and personnel must conduct symptom checks prior to each event. Anyone experiencing symptoms of any kind must stay home
- Coaches will be trained in COVID management using the following sources (<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/responsible-restart-ohio/sector-specific-operating-requirements/coaches-and-student-athletes>)
- There will be no congregating of players or coaches before or after games
- Coaches and gameday personnel will wear a mask at all times. Players will wear a mask while not in the game or otherwise physically exerting themselves

6.b. (Spectators)

- Anyone attending an event must conduct self-symptom checks. If any symptoms of COVID are present, they must remain home.
- Family/Household members only should sit together in the stands. A maximum of four individuals may sit together at any time.
- Each household group should observe 6 feet between other groups at all times - no congregating of any kind.
- Spectators must wear face masks at all times, inside or outside, throughout the course of the event

6.c-e. (Games, Equipment, and Facilities)

- Players must observe social distancing at all times when not in the field of play
- There should be no contact of any kind outside the field of play
- A team may not play multiple opponents in a 24 hour period
- Cross Country meets are limited to 150 athletes, but encouraged to have far less
- Athletes should not share equipment, water bottles, food, or facial coverings.
- Locker Rooms will be used only in case of weather emergencies

6.f-g (Transportation)

- Pre-Travel Symptom Check must be completed before boarding a bus.
- Facemasks must be worn at all times throughout the travel process

- Athletes and coaches should spread out as much as possible on the bus
- It is recommended to compete against schools in close proximity to home school to limit spread

6.h. (Suspected and Confirmed Cases)

- Anyone who has had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) of OR had direct physical contact with a confirmed infected individual must quarantine for 14 days.
- A school representative must contact the CCBH immediately with any suspected or confirmed cases
- A suspected case should seek COVID testing immediately. If the case is confirmed, school administrators will work with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to contact all individuals who had close or direct contact with the infected individual and notify them to isolate.
- In the case of a suspected or confirmed case, any team or other group who may have been exposed to the individual must be notified.
- Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19, whether symptomatic or asymptomatic, shall not return to sports activity until a comprehensive medical examination that includes a cardiac assessment for high-intensity exercise due to cardiac effects of COVID-19. (Per school rule, athlete will not return to activity in that season)

7. Limitations on Spectators in Sports Venues

- For outdoor facilities, the maximum number of spectators allowed is the lesser of 1,500 or 15% of the maximum stadium capacity. For Fairview, this is approximately 450 people.
- For indoor facilities, the maximum number of spectators allowed is the lesser of 300 or 15% of the facility capacity. For Fairview, this is approximately 124 people.
- No more than 4 spectators may sit in a group together and all must be from the same household. Each group of 4 must be at least 6 feet away from all other groups.
- Facilities will have one-way entries and exits and walking paths throughout the facility.
- Seats within the facility will be marked as available or unavailable. Spectators will sit only in “available” seats in order to maintain social distancing.
- Spectators should stay in their seats at all times unless using the restroom
- 6 foot social distancing must be observed at all times.

TRAVEL PROTOCOLS (All Sports)

Pre-Competition (Loading the Bus)

- Students should arrive 20 minutes prior to bus departure, ready to board the bus (they will not enter the building except to get necessary team equipment) and remain inside their car or stay 6 feet away from other players with masks on until ready to board the bus.
- Any player securing equipment will do so with coach supervision.
- Prior to loading the bus, coaches will make sure equipment is loaded onto the bus. Loading of equipment should be done one at a time, not in large groups of athletes.
- Students must line up outside of the bus and keep socially distanced (6 feet apart with masks on).
- Coaches must complete OHSAA COVID Symptom Check Form (including temperature and symptom questions provided on the provided sheet). These sheets will be collected and stored after each match.
- If a student has an elevated temperature of 100.4 or higher or any symptom, two things can occur:
 1. If the athlete only has temperature- Have the athlete go inside or a shaded area (if the weather is hot out) for 5 minutes and sit down. Re-check their temperature after 5 minutes, OR
 2. If student has temperature or any other related symptom please remove them from the line and have them contact parents to come and pick them up IMMEDIATELY
- Prior to getting on the bus, teams will have sanitizer available for every athlete to sanitize hands before getting on the bus.
- Once students are cleared they may enter the bus
- When boarding the bus, there should be only one athlete per seat and everyone must sit in the same seat both to and from the destination.
- All players and coaches must wear a mask at all times throughout the arrival and transportation process.

At the Site of Competition (Unloading the Bus)

- Students must line up outside of the bus and keep socially distanced (6 feet apart with masks on).

- A coach or designated person may unload equipment from the bus. This should be the same person who loaded the bus.

After Competition (Loading the Bus)

- Prior to loading the bus, make sure equipment is loaded onto the bus. The same person/people who loaded the bus in the beginning should load the bus for re-boarding.
- Students must stay socially distanced (6 feet apart with masks on) while loading the bus.
- Students must sit in the same seat they were on the way to the away site.

All paperwork and documentation completed by the coaches must be submitted to the Athletic Director either in person or in a mailbox before leaving the High School.

GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE PROTOCOLS AND MANDATES

Ticket Prices

- Ticket prices will come in only one tier (Adult) while COVID mandates are in place. Student tickets will not be sold, as part of the mandate suggests that parents are the only attendees. Prices are as follows
 - Varsity Football, JV/V Soccer, Volleyball - \$7
 - All stand alone Freshman and JV games - \$3
 - Soccer ONLY if stand alone
 - Volleyball always - the gym will be cleared after each match and F/JV will always be treated as “stand alone”
 - MS Sports - All \$3 (Football, Volleyball)

Visiting Teams/Spectators

- No Scouting/Coach Passes will be accepted
- No concession stands will be available
- No Locker rooms will be available except for in cases of weather emergencies
- Gates will open 45 minutes before Football games, 30 minutes before Soccer games, and 20 minutes before Volleyball games.
- Bands/Drill teams will not travel to away games. Cheerleaders will.
- Broadcast Clubs may be allowed to travel, but only if the host team does not have one.
- No Senior Citizen, Faculty, or GLC passes will be allowed or accepted.
- No Student Sections
- Facemasks must be worn and Social Distancing observed at all times

Miscellaneous

- Media will be allowed on a limited basis and only if they contact the host school in advance
- No uncredentialed photographers will be allowed on the sidelines
- Teams will share rosters in advance
- Visiting teams will share COVID Symptom Check with host school prior to competition

PROTOCOLS FOR INDOOR HOME EVENTS (VOLLEYBALL)
(Will be sent to visiting team's Athletic Director)

Check-In Protocols

- When the visiting team arrives (no more than 30 minutes ahead of match time), they will wait in the lobby of the HS gym entrance until a staff member arrives to check them in. ALL individuals (officials, spectators, workers, players and coaches from both schools) must socially distance and wear masks the entire time they are on campus with the exception of when they are on the court and playing.
- Both Fairview and visiting players, coaches and staff members will be temperature-checked before entering the facility. The staff member checking-in the visiting school will receive the COVID Checklist (provided in advance) from the visitors. Any athlete reporting symptoms will not be allowed to enter the facility.
- Visiting coaches should provide a roster to the Athletic Director that lists the names of all players and coaches in attendance that day. Fairview will provide a roster to the opposing team as well. The COVID Symptom Check sheet will suffice for these purposes. Phone numbers for coaches present should also be provided (unless you already have that)
- Players are required to wear masks any time they are not actively working out (warmups and during play) including sitting on team benches

Tripleheader Protocols

- When the visiting team arrives at FHS, their freshman team and coaches will be allowed to come into the gym and set up in their bench area. The JV and Varsity team and coaches will be escorted to the Warrior Room, where both teams will have a large area to sit while they wait for the prior match to end and their match to begin.
- Social-distancing and face masks must be observed and worn at all times while in these spaces. There are also doors to our HS courtyard where team members and coaches can sit if they would like. **Visiting coaches are expected to assist with the enforcement of these protocols.**
- Fairview's Freshman team will be allowed in the gym 30 minutes prior to the start of their match. Fairview JV and Varsity teams should not arrive until 30 minutes prior to their match. If traveling separately, visiting JV and Varsity players and coaches should not arrive until 30 minutes prior to their match. While waiting,

Fairview players and coaches will be asked to socially distance themselves in the cafeteria while waiting for their match to begin.

- In the gym during each match will be the game workers, officials, freshman teams for both schools, freshman coaching staff for both teams, 2 guests per player on both rosters. At the conclusion of the freshman match, we will clear the gym of those people entirely. We ask that players and coaches sanitize their chairs with provided cleaning materials and then leave the gym immediately.
- Visiting Coaches will conduct team meetings/postgame talks after leaving the gym and moving to the Warrior Room with your team. Fairview coaches will conduct team meetings/postgame talks in the cafeteria. This is to ensure we are moving the matches along as quickly as possible.
- While the upcoming Fairview team (JV during freshman match, Varsity during JV match) is waiting for their match, they will meet in the auditorium.
- Once all seating areas, balls, and other equipment in the gym have been sanitized, the JV players/coaches from both teams will be allowed to come into the gym. Once both teams are in the gym, we will put 20 minutes on the clock and begin warmups.

Spectators

- With the guidelines currently in place, we will allow 2 spectators/guests for each player on the roster.
- The preferred ticketing method will be through Hometown Ticketing (each student will be given an access code through which parents will be able to purchase tickets online using a credit card). The Athletic Director will work with the visiting school to offer this option.
- Paper tickets MAY be purchased using cash from the athletic office prior to the game as well. These must be purchased by the student-athlete ONLY and will be capped at two tickets
- There will be a restroom available for spectators but no concession stand. Social distancing should be observed at all times while using the restroom or moving about the facility.
- All spectators MUST wear a mask or face covering at all times.

General Notes

- Teams should practice sport specific social distancing protocols including the elimination of handshakes, high fives, and huddles

- Teams will be asked to assist in sanitizing all equipment before, during, and after each competition as applicable
- Players must bring their own water bottles. There are no drinking fountains available
- Team benches will consist of socially-distanced folding chairs
- Locker rooms will not be available. Any items that the visiting team brings can be safely stored in the Warrior Room. Visiting teams should only bring what is absolutely necessary.
- Please note: The Warrior Room is NOT meant to be a locker room. It has windows that open to a hallway. Team should come dressed and ready to go and will not have an enclosed place to change.
- We will have an athletic trainer on site for volleyball. All athletes should arrive ready to play. Should an athlete need to see the trainer for any reason, they will be required to wear a mask. Trainers/medical team will have appropriate PPE (fit tested N95 mask, for example) if attending to a sick or injured player which might require them to be within 6 feet for more than 10 minutes.
- Hand sanitizer will be available

Officials

- Officials must be temperature and symptom checked before entering
- Officials will leave belongings in designated folding chairs and will not have locker room access. Public restrooms will be available to use for officials to change if needed.
- Officials should wear masks when not actually officiating the contest but is optional (they are encouraged to wear them if they want)

Volleyball-Specific Guidelines

- Switch balls out after each point to disinfect.
 - Utilize a 3 ball system to rotate game balls in and out of play after each point.
 - An adult will sanitize the ball after each point is scored.
- ○ Cleaning the net (high touch point areas) in between sets or during the 2 minute timeouts
 - An adult will quickly wipe down the net
- ● Warm Up Balls
 - Ball Carts labeled as “Home” and “Away” - REQUIRED
- Mask Storage when not being used while the athlete is in the contest, athlete should use: a ziploc bag with their name on it to store their mask while on the

court OR a tupperware container with their name on it to store their mask while on the court

- Both teams are to follow the [NFHS/OHSAA COVID-19 Volleyball Recommendations](#) when possible.

- Officials Table:
 - There will only be four individuals allowed at the scorer's table and they are to sit at the following locations with one open space in-between each individual:
 - Home Scorekeeper/Statistician
 - Libero Tracker (provided by home team)
 - Announcer/Scoreboard Operator
 - Visitor Scorekeeper/Statistician

PROTOCOLS FOR OUTDOOR HOME EVENTS (FOOTBALL, SOCCER)
(Will be sent to visiting team's Athletic Director)

PROMOTING HEALTH AND SAFETY BEFORE ATHLETIC CONTESTS

- Each school is responsible for conducting the temperature and symptom checks for all student-athletes and coaches prior to departure from school or prior to entering the soccer facility
- Each school is responsible to maintain the attendance/symptom check sheet within their Athletic Department. Home school coach will verify with the visiting school coach that all participants (student-athletes and coaches) were checked prior to starting the match.
- Student-athletes must wear face coverings when not participating in athletic activity on the field
- Student-athletes must wear face coverings entering playing venue, traveling to playing venue in school transportation, prior/after contest and when not playing in the contest in the team bench area
- Coaches must wear face coverings at all times
- All student-athletes and coaches should practice social distancing at all times when not participating in physical activity.

PRE AND POST MATCH CEREMONY

- For the Pre-game conference, attendees will be limited to head referee or center referee, plus the head coach from each team, and a single captain from each team.
- Move the location of the pregame conference to the center of the field. All individuals maintain a social distance of 6 feet. Suspend handshakes prior to and following the Pregame Conference.
- Suspend the pregame introduction line and send players to their field positions with bench personnel lined up on the touch line (6 feet apart) for introductions.
- Suspend post game protocol of shaking hands.
- PA announcer pre-game announcements will include COVID safety announcements, player introductions, prayer and national anthem, then play begins
- Schools are encouraged to send JV players home (when possible) after JV game to limit their time at the field and to limit the number of players at the contest. If they do not go home, JV players should separate from Varsity players
- Teams encouraged to forgo cool down exercises after contests and leave the playing venue as quickly as possible

CONTEST GUIDELINES

Both teams are to follow the OHSAA/Northeast District COVID-19 Soccer Recommendations whenever possible.

- Ball Boys/Girls
 - Encourage social distancing of 6 feet

- Ball boys/girls must wear masks
- Each school tries to supply 2-3 ball holders, if possible, to assist on their school's side of the field. Ideally this will be players not involved in the contest
- Ball boys/girls will be placed opposite team bench areas and must stay 6 feet away from the field of play
- Team Benches
 - Encourage bench personnel to observe social distancing of 6 feet at all times possible..
 - Team benches will be placed on opposite sides of the field (to the left of midfield), opposite the side of the AR's or two person official crew
 - Team/Coach box is expanded the length of the field to allow for social distancing
- Substitution Procedures
 - Maintain social distancing of 6 feet between the substitute, officials and/or teammate(s) by encouraging substitutions to occur closer to the center line.
- Personal Prep Station
 - Team bench areas will consist of chairs 6 feet apart for players, coaches and officials
 - Upon arrival, each person takes a chair for their personal prep area
 - Between contests, JV players will take their belongings immediately following the contest so the chairs can be sanitized for the Varsity players
- Sanitization/Hydration breaks
 - If needed, hydration breaks will be used midway through halves with proper social distancing
 - Hydration breaks can be used to sanitize game balls and other field equipment
- Equipment sanitization
 - Goals, corner flags and team benches should be sanitized after each match
 - Game balls, goals and corner flags should be sanitized at halftime of each match
 - Soccer balls (game and warmup balls) should be sanitized after each match
- Water stations
 - Student-athletes must bring their own water bottles to all practices and contests
 - Water stations are only allowed if water jugs have no touch spigots for water bottle refill. Student-athletes are responsible for refilling their own water bottles
 - Home schools are not responsible for providing water for visiting schools at contests
- Transportation
 - Schools will follow local and state health board recommendations and board approved policy regarding the transportation of teams to away contests
 - All student-athletes and coaches must wear face coverings on school transportation
- Locker rooms
 - Locker rooms will not be available

WEATHER

- If it rains during the match, the home team is responsible for turning the score into their coach and the visiting team will confirm with the home coach.
- If it rains, coaches will address their team where they should go (bus, van, cars, pavilion, etc.) and coaches should go there automatically.

SPECTATORS

Promoting health and safety for spectators

- Spectators shall self check for temperature and symptoms. Spectators must stay home if they feel sick, have any COVID-19 symptoms, have contact with anyone with COVID-19 or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past two weeks and are currently in quarantine
- All spectators and facility staff are required to wear face coverings throughout the contest
- All spectators and facility staff must maintain social distance at all times throughout the Stadium including but not limited to the bleachers, standing by the fence, at ticket booth, at concession stand or using restroom facilities outside
- All spectators must not congregate before, during and after the contest
- All spectators must follow all signage throughout stadium including traffic patterns for entering/exiting the stadium and moving throughout the facility
- All spectators must leave immediately following the contest and should head directly to their vehicles following the signage throughout the stadium

Arrival for the contest

- Parking is available in the main parking lot off of W. 213th St.
- All spectators must enter the stadium through the main entrance
- Gates will open 30 minutes prior to the start of the first contest each day per sport (i.e. Soccer home contests: gate opens 4:30pm for JV/V or 6:30pm for Varsity Only).

Use of bleachers

- Fans will enter the bleachers via the track and will exit via the normal walkways exiting the stadium
- Available seating in the bleachers will be marked with stickers which represent seating for 4 people (immediate family members) with 6 feet distance between seating spots. Seating will only take place in every 3rd row in the bleachers
- Spectators entering/exiting their row are asked to walk along the empty row of bleachers nearest them and proceed to the closest stairway/aisleway
- Seating in the front rows is available for any guests in wheelchairs or those with special seating needs, but ONLY for these individuals

Departure from the Event

- Exiting the bleachers is safest when organized in small groups. Following the guidance provided by facility staff, exit the bleachers by row (from front to back) and by section.
- Exit the stadium through the main gate. Do not congregate in or around the stadium. Return to your vehicle and depart unless waiting for your child to take home.

Facility Use

- Access to the press box is limited to game day personnel only
- Restrooms are located near the concession stand. Access to the school's indoor restrooms may also be available for some events.
- There will be no concessions available

SUSPECTED/CONFIRMED CASES

- Student-athletes, Coaches, Officials, Game day staff and Spectators must stay home if they feel sick, have any COVID-19 symptoms, have contact with anyone with COVID-19 or have tested positive for COVID-19
- Student-athletes, Coaches, Officials, Game day staff and Spectators who have come in close contact with individual who tested positive for COVID-19 (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) must self-quarantine for 14 days following exposure
- Any student-athlete, coach, official, game day staff or spectator who becomes ill or develops symptoms will be isolated and asked to seek medical care. Individual will be taken to their vehicle or garage bay (next to bus garage) until the individual is able to leave the property
- School administrator of suspected individual will contact their local health department
- Student-athletes, parents, coaches and administrators will work with local health boards to identify individuals potentially exposed to facilitate contact tracing
- If affected individuals participated in competitive play, the school must notify all opponents played between the date of positive test (date when test taken) and two (2) days prior to the onset of symptoms, plus insure all local health boards are notified.
- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19, whether symptomatic or asymptomatic, shall not return to sports activities until a documented medical exam is performed clearing the individual prior to the individual returning to participation in practice or contests. The documented medical exam must specifically include an assessment of the cardiac/heart risk of high-intensity exercise due to the potential of myocarditis occurring in COVID-19 patients.

Spectator Attendance Policy/Reminders

Fall Sports 2020

Event Admittance Reminders:

Fairview High School encourages spectators to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 among all in attendance.

- **Staying Home when Appropriate**
 - Stay home if you have tested positive for COVID-19 or are showing COVID-19 symptoms.
 - Stay home and monitor your health if you have had a close contact with a person who has symptoms of COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
- **Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette**
 - Spectators are encouraged to have and use hand sanitizer at events.
 - Spectators are encouraged to wash hands often and cover coughs and sneezes.
 - Spectators are discouraged from exchanging handshakes, fist bumps, and high-fives at sporting events.
- **Masks**
 - Masks are most essential in times when physical distancing is difficult (e.g., when moving within a crowd or audience).
 - Masks are required when entering and exiting all facilities.
 - Masks are required to remain on all spectators during volleyball games.
- **Seating/Attendees**
 - Attendees should be limited to immediate household members and loved ones of the athletes and coaches on the field.
 - Groups of no more than four (4) may sit together in the bleachers. These groups should be split up by household
 - Each group must be at least 6 feet from other groups
 - Attendees are encouraged to stay in their seats at all times unless going to the bathroom. Concessions will not be available and congregating is prohibited.