

Atlanta Public Schools Athletics Revised Guidance for Practice and Competition: Phase III

Guidance for Acclimatization and Practice with Recommendations and/or Restrictions

- Schools/ School Systems may be more restrictive than the GHSA but not less.
- Member schools are strongly encouraged to review and modify if necessary, their Infectious Disease Prevention Plan. The GA DOE has guidance available with recommendations created in conjunction with the Governor's Task Force.
- It is recommended that staff and athletes are screened prior to each workout as outlined in their Infectious Disease Plan. Please continue to follow the APS guidelines for daily screenings.
- Groups are not limited in numbers, but schools should consider limiting groups as much as feasibly possible. i.e., locker room, weight room, treatment room
- Use of locker rooms or shower facilities are acceptable with the following guidance.
 - Facilities and all equipment should be sanitized after each practice.
 - Social Distancing should be practiced. If needed groups should dress in stages. (Preferably twenty five per group)
 - Mask/Face coverings are required for locker room, weight room and indoor athletic facilities.
 - Students shall not congregate in locker room and indoor facilities.
- Weight equipment should be cleaned prior to each workout and sanitized between uses by each student.
- Hand sanitizer should be plentiful and readily available.
- Each School should develop a hydration plan for all teams for safety reasons.
 - Number of student-athletes allowed in the dressing room at once (Coaches need to develop a system of knowing how many enter and exit the locker room)
 - Masks to be worn by all while in the locker room area
 - Mask to be worn if football performs a walkthrough in the gymnasium
 - Team managers must be masked and have disposable gloves at all times (Only managers are to fill the water coolers and bottles)
 - All soft goods should be taken home by each student-athlete daily and washed. Please make sure they do NOT leave any cloth on their lockers daily.
 - Helmets and shoulder pads must be cleaned daily.
- **Mask/Face coverings are required for Coaches/Staff at all times.**
- **Social distancing should be adhered to as much as possible.**

- There will be no fans at any athletic events this fall. In addition, there will be no concessions at any fall sport athletic events.

APS Athletics Protocol Post COVID19 Diagnosis:

Student safety and well-being is vitally important. Those persons who are diagnosed with COVID-19 may return to school after completing current DPH COVID-19 Return to School Guidance **Time based** strategy.

Return to School or Childcare Strategy

DPH recommends a time-based return to school or childcare strategy that is determined based on a person's health status. Decisions about "return to school" or "return to childcare" for persons with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 should be made in the context of local circumstances (community transmission, resource needs, etc.).

Symptomatic persons with confirmed COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19

• Who had *mild or moderate illness* and are not severely immunocompromised†* can return to school or childcare after:

- At least 10 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared* and
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and
- Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved

• Who had *severe to critical illness (if they were hospitalized for shortness of breath, pneumonia, low oxygen levels, respiratory failure, septic shock, and/or multiple organ failure) * or who are severely immunocompromised†* can return to school or childcare after:

- At least 20 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared*
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and
- Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved

Asymptomatic persons with confirmed COVID-19:

• Who are not *severely immunocompromised†* can return to school or childcare after:

- At least 10 days have passed since the positive laboratory test and the person remains asymptomatic

• Who are *severely immunocompromised†* can return to school or childcare after:

- At least 20 days have passed since the positive laboratory test and the person remains asymptomatic

• Note, asymptomatic persons who test positive and later develop symptoms should follow the guidance for symptomatic persons above.

Asymptomatic persons who have a known exposure to a person with COVID-19 without appropriate PPE can return to school or childcare after:

- They have completed all requirements in the DPH guidance for persons exposed to COVID-19 found at <https://dph.georgia.gov/contact>
- Of note, if this person is tested for COVID-19 during the 14-day quarantine period, a negative test result would not change or decrease the time a person is quarantined.

- After completing the DPH COVID-19 Return to School Guidance ***time based*** strategy, student athletes may return to sports activities.