

Hart Public Schools

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Re: Covid-19 Summer Athletic Workout Plans

Hello Pirate Nation,

Athletics will be starting back up next week. We are excited to start the process of getting back to normal. As we have all experienced the last few months, every week seems to bring a new change.

As our student athletes start coming back to school for workouts, we want to make sure you know that our primary focus as an athletic department and school district is to keep our athletes and coaches safe during workouts. We are following the plans laid out by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA).

There are links below if you would like to see the details. But here are some of the highlights:

- Pre-screening before any team activity is required; a few questions and a temperature check
- Equipment will be disinfected before, during and after activity
- Physical distancing of six feet between athletes will be required
- Athletes must bring their own water bottles

Currently only outdoor activities are permitted. As the Governor moves our region through her 6 step plan, there will be adjustments to what we are allowed to do.

Please keep your athlete home if they are sick or have been exposed to someone with Covid-19. If you are at all concerned about the health and safety of your child during these times, summer conditioning and workouts are NOT mandatory and do not determine whether or not your child will make a team in the upcoming school year.

Coaches are currently in the process of developing their practice plans for their specific sport to meet these reopening mandates and guidelines. They have begun informing their athletes of some of these plans and a schedule for when workouts will begin.

If you have an athlete that is interested in joining a team this fall and they are unsure of who to get in touch with, please contact Tim Hertzler at thertzler@hart.k12.mi.us.

One last thing, if your student-athlete participated in a sport in the previous school year and has a physical on file, they may not need another physical for this school year. They will fill out the

following [MHSAA Sports Health Questionnaire](#). Otherwise, you will want to schedule a sports physical as soon as possible, [sports physical](#).

Sincerely,
Tim Hertzler

Helpful Links:

[Step 2 \(Modified\)- Conduct of Conditioning and Practice Sessions](#) - The current plan Hart is following for return to sports activity.

[Sports Re-Opening Update Center > MHSAA](#) - MHSAA documents used to create Pirate athletic procedures. Can be accessed for further clarification as the MHSAA updates them.