



Orange Unified School District

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Student and Community Services

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Revised OUSD Return-to-Play Guidelines

The Orange Unified School District (OUSD) is pleased to announce the Return-to-Play (RTP) Guidelines for all sanctioned activities that are typically ran during summer training and camps. Based upon Governor Newsom's Announcement on Friday, June 5th, 2020, OUSD has adopted a return to athletic and visual and performing arts (VAPA) activities on a limited basis starting when each program presents a comprehensive RTP plan to their site administrator and risk management for review. OUSD's decision to move forward in a limited capacity is aligned with guidelines established by the National Federation of State High School Association (NFHS), the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMAC) and the Orange County Healthcare Agency Covid-19 Phasing Guidelines.

Canyon, El Modena, Orange and Villa Park High School students can participate in a completely voluntary program based upon parent discretion. The most current NFHS and SMAC guidelines indicated that participation can be hosted at our OUSD sites utilizing Phase I protocols. Current guidelines do not recommend vulnerable individuals participate under Phase I. Students who elect not to participate in summer programs will not be penalized.

Orange Unified is committed to creating a safe playing and participation environment. Implementing these Return-to-Play Guidelines will require a cooperative relationship between schools, coaches, administrators, and players (including parents/guardians). Orange Unified will support decisions to not participate among players, parents, guardians and coaches, who are uncomfortable participating for any reason.

Roles and Responsibilities for players and parents/guardians as we move through the different phases of RTP:

- While Orange Unified looks forward to returning, we recognize that not everyone will feel the same way. If a player, parent, or coach does not feel comfortable returning to play, please communicate this to your Athletic Administrator or Director.
- If a player or parent feels sick, stay home.
- Players are responsible to respect the social distancing requirements and contact guidelines set by the Orange County Health Authority.
- All Participants will be required to sign the **Informed Consent Release for Communicable Diseases including COVID-19.**

Roles and Responsibilities for OUSD and Schools as we move through the different phases of RTP:

- Schools, Athletic Administrators and Coaches are responsible for creating an individual action plan that maintains a safe environment.
- Schools and Athletic Administrators will require a signed COVID-19 Informed Consent form from Parents/Guardians and players eighteen (18) years of age or older.
- Schools will only allow participation by those who have completed the COVID-19 Informed Consent.
- Train all Administrators and Coaches on appropriate cleaning and disinfection, hand hygiene, and respiratory etiquette.
- Schools must restrict participation by any Team Officials, Administrators, Coaches and Volunteers (whether Employees or Contractors), who have any of the signs or symptoms of possible COVID-19

OUSD will be adhering to the Phase I NFHS guidelines and will check daily for updates from the county and state health departments. Understanding that it has been several months since school/coach guided activities and emphasis will be placed on safe, tiered return to activity process. All coaches and instructors will participate prior to student athlete's return to campus.

OUSD RTP Criteria

- All CIF Sport and VAPA activities can resume workouts
- Low Risk Sports can resume practice
- Moderate and High-risk sports can begin modified practices
- Athletes will adhere to pre-activity screenings
- Indoor Activities can have 10 or less individuals
- Outdoor Activities can have 50 or less individuals (no gatherings of more than 10 per group)
- Six feet distance between all individuals always
- There will be no shared equipment
- At this time, no locker rooms will be utilized
- Athletes must bring their own water containers
- Highly recommended that face coverings are worn when students are not engaged in activity.

Individual RTP Plans Must Include:

- Plan to verify student wellness. (daily sign off by parent or guardian)
- Reporting plan if someone gets ill. Coach to AD to Principal to Risk Management

- Coaches completing the Keenan Trainings
- Program expectation for social distancing at all times. Regress, egress and everything in-between.
- Times, dates and locations of practice.
- Detailed sanitization plan for facility
- Any sport or activity related specifics.