

Tulsa Public Schools

Athletics Re-entry Policy

In an effort to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 among student-athletes and athletics personnel (including coaches, athletic trainers, equipment managers, etc.) as student-athletes return to school to participate in individual workouts, group/team activities, and team competitions; the Tulsa Public Schools Athletics Department has established the following re-entry plan for interscholastic athletics:

Re-entry requirements

1. **Risk Assessment Survey** – All student-athletes, as well as athletics personnel whose duties require immediate and close interaction with student-athletes, will be required to complete a risk assessment survey each time they are going to participate in any physical activity. The survey must be completed before any student-athlete or personnel participates in a COVID-19 clearance procedure, as described in Section 2, below. The survey responses will be used to determine the appropriate clearance procedure necessary for a student-athlete or staff member to gain re-entry into intercollegiate athletics activities and facilities.
2. **COVID-19 Clearance Procedures** – All student-athletes, as well as athletics personnel whose duties require immediate and close interaction with student-athletes, will be required to undergo a COVID-19 clearance procedure which could possibly include COVID-19 testing, facilitated through Morton Health Clinic, prior to consideration for re-entry. A positive test will result in a 14 day quarantine and the student athletes must present, in writing, clearance from their medical provider.
 - If no concerns are identified from an individual’s survey responses, the individual may immediately be eligible to return to play or work.
 - If the survey indicates that an individual has, within the last 14 days, traveled internationally, out of the county or traveled via mass transit (e.g., by plane, bus, train, etc.), attended a large attendance event involving close contact, or reported possible exposure to COVID-19 infection, the individual must sit out 5 days. The student may test for the Covid19 and a negative test will allow the student athlete or staff personnel to return to activity. If the individual develops any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection during that 5-day period, the individual must contact our Sports Medicine Coordinator for instructions.
 - If, in responding to the survey, an individual reports current symptom(s) consistent with COVID-19 infection or a confirmed exposure to COVID-19, the individual will be required to undergo an immediate 14-day self-quarantine. At the end of the quarantine period, the individual will be required to follow any directives regarding evaluation, testing, etc., provided by the Coordinator of Sports Medicine.
 - In the event that a student-athlete or athletics personnel has an existing medical condition, such that testing may be unsafe or otherwise contraindicated, such individual may seek an accommodation pursuant to the direction from the Sports Medicine Coordinator and medical professional familiar with _____ the _____ person..
- **All student-athletes and personnel** will be restricted from re-entry until a satisfactory completion of the clearance procedure is confirmed by the Sports Medicine Coordinator.

COVID-19 transmission control

1. **Social Distancing and Gathering Size** – Tulsa Public Schools Interscholastic Athletics will adhere to state, local and district orders, policies, and guidance regarding social distancing, the number of individuals who may gather in a group activity, in terms of scheduling or hosting workouts, practices,

competitions, etc. Such principles will also apply to common area such as locker rooms, athletic training rooms, meeting rooms, etc.

2. **Contact** - TPS Athletics will adhere to state and local orders, policies, and guidance regarding activities involving contact. This refers to not only direct bodily contact but the sharing of common objects that cannot be sanitized after each individual usage (e.g., sport specific apparatus, balls, etc.).
3. **Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)** – In instances where social distancing practices are fundamentally inconsistent with the underlying activity at issue (e.g., football practice, athletics training evaluation, etc.) appropriate PPE usage (e.g., face masks, gloves, etc.) will be required for both student-athletes and athletics personnel. Moreover, any student-athlete or athletics personnel may choose to wear PPE at any time, and to the extent reasonably practicable, such PPE will be provided to them.
4. **Facility Sanitation** – All athletics activities will be scheduled and arranged in such a manner to allow for proper facility cleaning and sanitation prior to the next scheduled use. This includes use of common areas at all athletics facilities. Such cleaning and sanitation scheduling will be coordinated with Custodial Facilities Management. Point-of-contact sanitation will be required at all facilities and common areas in situations where sharing of equipment/apparatus may be necessary (e.g., weight room equipment, athletic training room equipment, key boards, tables, etc.). In terms of point-of-contact sanitation, all affected equipment/apparatus must be individually sanitized each time it is used.
5. **Daily Risk Assessment** – Prior to admittance to any facility and/or common area for that day, student-athletes and athletics personnel must report to a pre-arranged station(s) and fill out a daily risk assessment questionnaire, have their temperature taken, and perform appropriate hand hygiene. If the questionnaire identifies a specific risk of COVID-19 infection, or the individual's temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher, the individual will be denied entry to all athletic facilities and common areas and sent home for immediate isolation until such time that they can be assessed by the Morton Health Clinic.
6. **Symptomatic Individuals** – Any student-athlete or athletics personnel who exhibit or report symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be instructed to isolate in place of residence until they can be assessed by the Coordinator of Sports Medicine. Such individuals shall be required to follow any testing or self-quarantine recommendations provided by the Coordinator or their family doctor.
7. **Contact Tracing** – All supervised athletics facilities (including common areas) will be required to maintain a daily sign in/out sheet. In the event of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection among student-athletes or athletics personnel, such information will be used for contact tracing purposes, in order to help identify other individuals who may have been exposed and determine whether such other individuals should undergo COVID-19 testing and/or self-quarantine. Individuals and parents will be informed once the positive test is verified. Student athletes 18 year old and older will be informed individually.
8. **Personal Risk** – Any student-athlete or athletics personnel who engages in an activity deemed at-risk for the spread of COVID-19 (including, but not limited to use of mass transit, attendance at large events involving close contact, known exposure to COVID-19, etc.), will be subject to a re-evaluation for purposes of athletic participation status and may be required to undergo 14-day self-quarantine and renewal of testing protocol. All travel outside of Tulsa County should be reported to a coach and/or athletic trainer prior to departure from the area for a pre-determination of the individual's athletic re-entry status upon return to Tulsa.

Effective date

This procedure is effective as of July 15, 2020 and shall continue until further notice. In no event, however, shall this procedure be terminated prior to consulting with district athletics executive director of athletics and Sports Medicine Coordinator.