

## Hamilton Unified COVID Athletics Update & Athletic Spectator Guidelines

On February 19, the CDPH issued new guidelines for high contact outdoor activities, such as football. The new guidelines allow for football to be played, even if in Purple or Red Tier, when certain requirements are met:

- County under 14 cases per 100,000 residents (met).
- Weekly student-athlete COVID testing and shared results within 24 hours of competition.
- Student-Athletes & Parents sign an informed consent form that:
  - Informs parent of risks associated with a high contact sport
  - Informs and allows for shared COVID test results of student-athletes with school

Other outdoor sports, such as soccer, softball, and baseball were also immediately allowed but without the certain requirements. Hamilton High School is committed to a season for football, soccer, and if possible, volleyball and basketball. Our priority for length of season will be for the traditional spring sports (track/softball/baseball) as those sports did not have a season in the previous school year due to COVID school closures.

As of March 4, newer CDPH guidelines were issued that may allow indoor sports to also compete- with certain restrictions. As of this writing, full clarity on those new restrictions is not available. This is continued good news for our student-athletes and we will work diligently to provide a safe season for as many sports as the county and /or district permits.

### Athletic Spectator Guidelines:

We are pleased to be hosting athletic events soon! On Friday March 12, we will host a football game on our school campus. We are required to follow safety guidelines set by the CDPH and local health officials. The primary focus and priority of the competitions is for our student-athletes to have the opportunity to play a sport that they love. Our safety protocols are in place for that reason- for the students. It is expected that ALL spectators will strictly adhere to rules/regulations/protocols set in place for their protections:

- Masks must be worn at all times at Hamilton High School-no exceptions.
- Temperature screening & health questions are required of spectators prior to entry.
- Social Distancing must be followed.
- Only student-athletes immediate household members will be allowed:
- 4 passes will be given to each student-athlete. These are non-transferable.
- Passes must be presented at the entry gate and turned in to staff.
- Families are expected to remain in their family groupings during the game.

Each Hamilton High School student will be allowed entry, **if allowed under CDPH Guidance.** This pertains only to the HHS enrolled student and not to older or younger siblings who are not HHS students. Parents of non-athletes will not be permitted to attend the events. If guidelines change or are made less restrictive, we will update our students and families as soon as possible. The key factor is- the better we follow these rules, the more likely that our students can participate in activities such as sports. Therefore, it is imperative for every

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### WAIVER/RELEASE FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES INCLUDING COVID-19

This is a release of liability and assumption of risk agreement. Read it carefully and sign below. Completion of this release is a prerequisite to participation in any extracurricular sport, club or activity. This release essentially says that my son/daughter named above is voluntarily participating in an extracurricular sport, club or activity as specified above. This voluntary participation is a privilege and not a right. Participation in the extracurricular sport, club or activity, includes but is not limited to, practices, training, coaching, use of equipment, as well as events, shows, games or other competitions, including traveling to and from any of the activities.

If he/she is hurt, disabled, injured, or even dies from an injury or exposure to a contagious virus such a SARScv2 (COVID-19), I/we (i.e., the student, his/her parent/s, guardian/s, or heir/s) will not make a claim against or sue the Hamilton Unified School District (hereinafter HUSD), its trustees, officers, employees, and agents, or expect them to be responsible or pay for any damages.

### ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER OF LIABILITY / INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of being allowed to participate on behalf of Hamilton High School's athletic program and related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and SARScv2 (coronavirus or COVID-19). While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions, including weekly testing, for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe and any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Hamilton High School their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
5. As parent or legal guardian of the student/participant under 18 years of age, I have read and voluntarily agree that my son/daughter may participate in this extracurricular sport, club or activity, and I sign this release on his/her behalf. *In signing this document, I fully recognize and understand that if my son/daughter is hurt, contracts a contagious virus, is disabled, or dies, or his/her property is damaged, I am giving up my right and the right of his/her heirs to make a claim or file a lawsuit against the HUSD, its trustees, officers, employees, and agents.*

**\*\*PLEASE SEE REVERSE FOR AUTHORIZATION AND SIGNATURE**

**I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ THIS DOCUMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS, AND I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT I AM ASSUMING ALL RISKS INHERENT IN THIS EXTRACURRICULAR SPORT, CLUB OR ACTIVITY. I VOLUNTARILY SIGN MY NAME AS EVIDENCE OF MY ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGREEMENT'S PROVISIONS, PARTICIPATION IN THE EXTRACURRICULAR SPORT, CLUB OR ACTIVITY, AND ANY FIELD TRIP OR EXCURSION ASSOCIATED WITH IT.**

**I SIGN THIS FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, PAYMENT, OR OTHER BENEFIT BEYOND CONSIDERATION FOR MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE SPORT, CLUB OR ACTIVITY**

Name of participant: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)**

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child/ward including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against communicable diseases. Furthermore, my child/ward understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities. I for myself, my spouse, and child/ward do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releasees and myself, my spouse, and child/ward do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's/ward's presence or participation in these activities as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent provided by law.

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent guardian/signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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REQUIRED BY THE CDPH TO PARTICIPATE IN COMPETITION WHILE IN THE WIDESPREAD OR SUBSTANTIAL TIERS;

- Informed Consent
- Weekly COVID -19 Testing – Football participants and coaches

While there are different options for getting a test, we recommend Optum testing in Orland or Chico. To sign up and make an appointment please go to [www.lhi.care/covidtesting](http://www.lhi.care/covidtesting)

There are a few different testing sites available with Optum;

Orland Memorial Hall  
320 Third Street  
Orland, CA 95963

900 Mangrove Ave  
Chico, CA 95926

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