

CROSBY ISD ATHLETICS

Return to School Operational Plan 2021/22

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SUMMARY

On behalf of the Crosby ISD athletics department, we are pleased to present this plan for the return of our student-athletes to on-campus activities that coincide with the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year. While there are many challenges associated with the return of our student-athletes to campus, we are excited to have kids back on-campus participating in the activities that they are passionate about. As we have made our plans for their return, the health and safety of our student-athletes and staff has been our number one priority.

The following guidelines were compiled with the assistance of the Crosby ISD administrative team, licensed athletic trainers, coaches and the guidelines of the University Interscholastic League. We will continue to work closely with the UIL, the State of Texas and Harris County health officials to ensure that timely and appropriate information is guiding our plans and responses to the current public health situation.

We will expect our staff and student-athletes to strictly follow all guidelines to ensure their safety and the safety of others and have plans in place to fully educate all before there is any return to campus. The policies and plans are designed to minimize risk for our athletes, staff and others. It is vital to the health and safety of all concerned that we take responsibility for our personal actions and the responsible implementation of our plan. We are all accountable for each other.

KEY PRINCIPLES

A. Screening Procedures for Staff and Student-Athletes: All staff will pre-screen prior to their arrival on campus per current Crosby ISD expectations. Staff and Students are expected to review the screening questions (signs and symptoms and exposure to COVID-19) prior to coming onto the campus. They will stay home if they answer 'yes' to any of the screening questions. Students and staff need to prescreen at home.

B. Mask Wearing/Face Covering Protocols: No mask/face covering is required

C. Hygiene: Hand washing and sanitizing will be emphasized and expected before, during, and after activities by staff and students.

D. Cleaning and Sanitization: Routine and enhanced cleaning and sanitization protocols will be implemented to clean equipment and workout facilities to minimize the risk to all concerned. The Crosby ISD maintenance team and coaches will perform rigorous cleaning procedures daily in support of our activities both during and after the completion of activities.

E. Supervision-Attention to Detail: Our staff will be resolute in ensuring that all expectations are met in the execution of our plan. We understand the importance of providing a safe environment for all. Locker rooms, meeting rooms and practice/game areas will be supervised closely to ensure that all expectations are being met. We are excited about the return of student-athletes to our campus.

OVERALL GUIDELINES AND RESPONSE STRATEGIES

COACHES EDUCATION

A. All coaches are expected to thoroughly review all Crosby ISD, UIL, and TEA Guidelines.

Pre-Messaging

A. All in-season sports will be required to have pre-season meetings with parents to inform them of COVID related protocols and procedures and expectations for their program.

1. Paperwork and Medical requirements (RankOne)

2. Screening Procedures-“Stay home” if you have any symptoms and communicate to your head coach and athletic trainer.
3. Mask Wearing/Face Covering Protocols
4. Hygiene
5. Cleaning and Sanitization
6. Attention to Detail
7. Locker room protocols and procedures

PREPARING FACILITIES

- A. Sanitizing supplies will be filled and placed in predetermined locations before the first day of school. The maintenance staff will regularly refill with Crosby ISD approved sanitation products.
- B. Hand sanitizing stations will be set up throughout the facility for use.

ON CAMPUS PRACTICE GUIDELINES

All staff will need to arrive prior to the students’ report time each day to ensure that kids follow all protocols and procedures. All campus staff will be responsible for executing their campus-based site plan using Crosby ISD/UII/TEA guidelines.

- A. Athletes will self-check reviewing all screening questions prior to arriving at school.
- B. Athletes will stay home if they answered “YES” to any screening questions or if they do not feel well and will be responsible for contacting their head coach/athletic trainer (HS) or athletic coordinator (MS).
- C. Student athletes will be monitored at all times when in athletic areas
- D. Athletes will wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer as frequently as possible
- E. Hydration: Student-athletes will be encouraged to bring their own labeled individual water bottles/jugs but water will also be provided.

SCREENING AND MEDICAL CLEARANCE PROCESSES

A. All staff will need to pre screen per campus instructions. Staff will stay home if they can answer “YES” to any screening questions or if they do not feel well. Staff will then contact campus administration and the benefits office if they symptoms related to COVID-19.

SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES, WORKOUT AREA CAPACITY AND OFF LIMIT AREAS

INDOOR REGULATIONS

- We are operating at 100% capacity

OUTDOOR REGULATIONS

- We are operating at 100% capacity

SANITIZATION, SIGNAGE, AND SUPERVISION

A. A member of the coaching staff will be designated to supervise any areas student-athletes are occupying at all times (locker rooms, weight rooms, training rooms, and meeting areas).

B. All athletic areas will be regularly and frequently cleaned and disinfected including all frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, lockers, and restrooms. The maintenance department and coaches will be cleaning all locker rooms directly after each day using an approved Crosby ISD disinfectant.

C. All kids and coaches will be educated in sanitizing procedures and requirements through pre-messaging as stated earlier and will regularly be reminded of appropriate sanitation protocols. Coaches will assist the maintenance team as needed to assist with the sanitization process.

D. Hand sanitizing unit stations and equipment sanitization supplies will be spread throughout workout areas.

E. All locker rooms will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized per Crosby ISD district standards utilizing Crosby ISD approved disinfectant.

F. Training rooms will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized per Crosby ISD district standards utilizing Crosby ISD approved, disinfectant.

G. The maintenance team will be performing enhanced, deep cleaning on a rotation basis of all athletic areas. This will include all locker rooms, training rooms, weight rooms, coaches' offices, etc.

PRACTICE GUIDELINES (ATHLETIC PERIODS & BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL)

A. It is expected that athletes attend all required practices designated for mandatory attendance outside of the school day per their head coach.

B. Inclement weather plans will be developed that could include the cancellation of that day's activities. A communication system and process will be initiated if a cancellation is necessary.

GAME DAY GUIDELINES

A. Distribute and implement Crosby ISD protocols and procedures, in conjunction with UIL guidelines, for game day operations

B. Full Game day concession stands will be allowed

C. Any volunteers working concession stands must successfully complete pre-screening protocols prior to arrival on campus in order to work in a concession stand.

D. Food service counters and areas will be regularly cleaned and disinfected.

E. Concession stand workers will follow proper food-handling protocols

F. We will be operating at 100% capacity at our facilities unless TEA/UIL mandates otherwise

COVID-19 RESPONSE GUIDELINES: STUDENTS OR STAFF

- A. We will follow all Crosby ISD Guidelines regarding COVID-19 protocols and procedures for positive cases and close contacts.

PREPARING STAFF & ATHLETES

A. The Crosby ISD Athletics administration staff will meet with coaches to review new procedures and protocols.

B. All student-athletes will review hand-sanitizing protocols and expectations, as well as, equipment sanitizing procedures for the locker room, weight room, training room, practices, and game days.

