



OVERVIEW

The physical and psychosocial benefits of education-based activity participation are numerous. Students who participate in school activities learn life skills and lessons in an environment that cannot be duplicated. The academic achievements, social and leadership skills, as well as overall mental health are known to be greatly enhanced in students who participate in a school activity compared to those who do not. The risk of coronavirus transmission will still be present to some degree as school activities begin. Students and their families, along with school personnel must recognize these risks and implement best practices to reasonably mitigate these risks. Participation in school activities is voluntary and every individual will need to evaluate the risk versus the benefits of activity participation. Particular consideration should be given to situations where a student, staff member or member of their family has an elevated health concerns, such as a compromised immune system.

The Piper School District is committed to protecting the health of our student-athletes and staff for the safe return to school activities. The guiding practices in this framework were created using the Kansas State High School Activities Association's "KSHSAA Considerations for a Return to School Activities", the Wyandotte County Health Department, and the Piper Administrative, Sponsors, and Coaching Staffs. The protocols outlined in our plan will help us deploy risk-reduction strategies to hopefully mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The primary means of coronavirus transmission is through respiratory droplets. Risk mitigation strategies should be aimed at reducing the likelihood of a person's respiratory droplets coming into contact with another person. Every activity is different. Certain mitigation strategies may be feasible in one activity but not for another.

PILLARS OF CORONAVIRUS TRANSMISSION RISK MITIGATION

Universal Guidelines/Personal Hygiene

- ANYONE feeling sick should stay home and contact their healthcare provider. Participating while symptomatic could potentially jeopardize the entire activities program in their school and other schools for an extended period of time.
- Any player with an elevated temperature above 100 degrees will be sent home.
- Maintain social distancing (6') when possible.
- Players, coaches and managers will wash hands before, frequently during, and after each practice session or competition. Either coaches or managers will be equipped with hand sanitizer to distribute to players on breaks throughout practice or competition.

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- Masks/face coverings should be worn at all times by all personnel, including students.
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing with a tissue or cough/sneeze into an elbow.
- It is recommended that players do not trim the attachment strap off their mouthpieces. This would make it easier for them to keep their fingers out of their own mouths.
- Keep hands away from face.
- Participants should shower, change, and launder workout clothing as soon as possible after an activity.

Education and Communication

- Students and staff must report symptoms immediately.
- Schools will create a team that oversees risk mitigation policy and implementation for their school's co-curricular activity program.
- Recognize signs and symptoms of mental health challenges and psychological distress in students due to the ongoing pandemic situation. Be prepared to support these students with resources and proper referrals to school or community mental health professionals.
- All school personnel and students should be educated on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- Prominently display standard daily precautions throughout school facilities and promote healthy habits.
- Establish a communication plan to address necessary information updates for coaches, staff and students.
- Establish a communication plan in which we contact opposing schools one week in advance of competition to share health concerns and geographically proximate restrictions and expectations. This communication should be initiated by the host school.

Screening and Exposure Protocol

- Prior to athletic participation, student-athletes and their parents should fill out the KSHSAA COVID-19 Questionnaire and submit it to their school. The student should obtain written clearance by a medical provider prior to participating in sports ONLY IF they answer yes to any of the questions. This questionnaire should be distributed to students in advance of the season, providing enough time to obtain the additional medical clearance if necessary. If necessary, this written clearance is in addition to the annual pre-participation physical exam.
- Anyone involved in a school activity should be screened daily for COVID-19 signs and symptoms, including a daily temperature check.
- A daily record should be kept of all team members present including adult personnel. Responses to screening questions for each person should be documented and retained on file.

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- Students and their parents/guardians must submit a signed copy of the Piper School District Extra Curricular Activities Participation Agreement in order to participate.
- Screening documentation will be maintained in a confidential manner and not shared with all staff, parents or teammates unless necessary due to a confirmed exposure.
- Any person reporting or exhibiting COVID-19 signs or symptoms without other obvious explanations will **not** be allowed to take part in any school activity and will be immediately sent home and instructed to contact their healthcare provider for COVID-19 testing.
- **Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 must be isolated until they meet the criteria for release set by the Wyandotte County Health Department. They must also obtain written clearance by a medical provider before returning to participation.**
- Any individual who has had close contact exposure (defined by the WCHD as less than 6' of physical distance for 10 minutes or longer, or if there was exposure to respiratory secretions such as being coughed or sneezed on) with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 should immediately self-quarantine and contact their primary care physician or local public health officials for guidance. While in self-quarantine, the person should be alert for symptoms including fever, cough or shortness of breath and contact their healthcare provider if these symptoms appear. An exposure is considered close contact with a COVID-19 positive person up to two days before their symptom onset (or if asymptomatic, up to two days before their specimen collection) until the time they are no longer required to self-isolate.
- Those not identified as a close contact may continue to participate. Contacts of a close contact do not need to be excluded from activities unless they are also considered a close contact.
- Any student who has traveled to a KDHE identified restricted area should self-quarantine and not participate in school activities for 14 days upon return to their home.
- An isolation area will be identified and maintained for anyone who reports COVID-19 signs or symptoms.
- A communication plan with parents/guardians for a student who reports COVID-19 signs/symptoms will be developed and maintained.
- A communication plan with county health department if anyone associated with your school's activity program tests positive for COVID-19 will be developed and maintained.

ACTIVITY CONSIDERATIONS



**Please utilize the current Wyandotte Executive Order as it relates to more stringent and/or modified rules for football, volleyball, soccer, and band.

Practice/Team Activities

- Maintain cohort groups as much as possible; practice outside whenever possible; spread out for team meetings; minimize full team interactions with teammates in close proximity.
- Practice and workout cohort groups should remain static throughout a season insofar as possible.
- Masks/face coverings should be worn at all times by all personnel, including students.

Competitions

- Masks/face coverings should be worn at all times by all personnel, including students.

Scheduling

- Consider a reduced schedule for all activities; consider reduction in travel whenever possible, play closer to home school site; consider reduction in the size of invitational events (those attended and hosted), or tier those events so not all teams are at venue at the same time

Contracts for games

- While every effort should be made to play contests with contracts in place; if a team is unable to play due to health concerns, see sport specific guidance on impact of win/loss records.

Game Days

- The same hand washing, mask wearing and social distancing precautions we observe in practice would be used during games. Coaches and managers will wear masks all the time.

Sportsmanship

- Prior to competition: demonstrate respect to officials and opposing team/coach with appropriate gestures other than physical contact.
- During competition, support and recognize good play with clapping, thumbs up, etc.
- Conclusion of competition: in lieu of handshakes, develop and utilize an appropriate sign of respect and sportsmanship that does not include handshake or other physical contact; suggestions include head nod, chest thump, salute, etc.

Officials

- Provide clean locker room with space for them to spread out; provide hand sanitizer and/or appropriate personal hygiene items (soap, towels, etc.).
- Provide place for officials to meet outside of the locker room away from the teams/crowds for pregame, halftime, and postgame discussions.

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- Provide appropriate security while in “open” areas.
- Provide “sign-in” and/or payment with minimal invasion of personal space yet providing protection of confidential information.
- Limit to essential personnel which includes home team scorer and timer with a recommend distance of 6 feet between individuals.
- Visiting team personnel (scorer, statisticians, etc.) are not deemed essential personnel and will need to find an alternative location.
- May consider asking officials to come dressed to competitions (locker room not provided).
- Any food/beverages provided to officials should be prepackaged/bottled or ask officials to bring their own.
- Contracts for officials: Leagues should adopt policies concerning games which are not played due to impact of COVID-19 on scheduled activities. Considerations may include timing of cancelation, possible loyalty “fees”, and ability to reschedule officials who lost a contracted game.

Event Staff

- Initiate efficient protocols with essential staff only; should wear face covering whenever possible.

Admission

- Consider cashless admission utilizing digital tickets or home-site season pass; provide plexiglass or other barriers for ticket staff.

Concessions:

- Follow food service guidelines and provide limited menu with pre-packaged foods and bottled drinks. Limit cash sales, use credit card option when available.

Fan attendance

- Policies should be made in consultation with your local health authorities. If crowd size is limited, consideration should allow for appropriate representation of fans from both/all schools participating. Ensure crowds do not have access to competition area or competitors before/during/following competition.

Transportation

- Adhere to BOE policies and KSDE considerations for transportation to/from practices and contests.



- Clean vehicles before and after each usage; suggestions include single individual per bus seat; staggered bus seating as available; parent support for transporting own child.
- Masks must be worn at all times.

FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT MANAGEMENT

Set up each facility to allow for appropriate social distancing; utilize breadth of available facility space for each event.

- Follow KDHE recommendations for cleaning and disinfecting community facilities.
- Adequate cleaning schedules should be created and implemented for all athletic facilities to mitigate any communicable diseases.
- Hygiene stations containing hand sanitizer, facial tissues, gloves and surface disinfectants should be available throughout facilities. – Prior to an individual or groups of individuals entering a facility, hard surfaces within that facility should be wiped down and sanitized (chairs, furniture in meeting rooms, locker rooms, weight room equipment, bathrooms, athletic training room tables, etc.).
- Commonly touched areas should be cleaned multiple times throughout the day.
- If locker rooms are to be used on a daily basis, stagger the times that student/athletes have access to the room either by class, teams, position or any other means to limit the number of players in the room.
- No use of the locker rooms at all for senior and junior student/athletes who drive a car to school. Have those players take their equipment home every day, or keep in their car.
- No locker room use at games; during pregame or half time. Coaches and teams stay outside except to use restroom facilities or seek help from trainer.
- Daily disinfectant spray used in locker rooms by coaches after student/athletes go home.
- Locker assignments should be established to maintain as much social distancing as possible and to ensure participants from different sports are not coming into contact with each other; maintain consistent bubbles/groupings of students in locker together.
- Establish a locker room cleaning schedule with your custodial staff
- Practice and competition attire should be cleaned after use; equipment cleaned before storing.
- Any equipment such as weight benches, athletic pads, etc. having holes with exposed foam should be covered by a non-porous material that can be effectively cleaned.
- Shared equipment should be cleaned thoroughly before use, between users and at the end of the session.
- Students should use individualized hydration containers (e.g., water bottles, jugs, disposable cups).

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- Group hydration devices (water cows, water fountains, hoses, etc.) should not be used other than to refill personal water containers. During refilling, appropriate social distancing should be maintained and the equipment should be regularly cleaned.
- There should be no shared athletic towels, clothing or shoes between students.
- All athletic equipment, including balls, should be cleaned intermittently during practices and competitions per the manufacturer's guidelines.
- Athletic equipment such as bats, batting helmets and catchers gear should be cleaned between each use and not shared if possible.



CROSS COUNTRY

Athletes must:

- Wear masks at all times.
- Provide your own water. (consider larger containers)
- Provide hand sanitizer daily
- Practice social distancing at all times
- Not share any items (clothes, shoes, water, food, etc.)
- Not have physical contact with another teammate purposely (no handshakes, hugs, high fives, braiding each other's hair, etc.)
- Not car pool with anyone that is not living in the same household. This applies to practices and competitions.
- Take all clothing home after practice daily. No items can be left in the locker rooms.
 - No locks will be checked out.

Athletes should:

- Shower as soon as possible after practice and competitions
- Wash clothes worn in practices and meets before wearing again.
- Wash cloth masks frequently.
- Assume that any situation can be a possible risk for exposure and take every precaution to reduce transmission risk.
- Practice all guidelines beyond the team. At home and in any outside activities (club sports, music lessons, etc.).

Parents must:

- Not crowd athletes during competition settings, especially athletes that are not their own.
- Avoid the start area, finish area, and team tent area.
- Follow any guidelines that are communicated by the host school of the competitions. This could possible include limits to numbers of spectators at a meet or having to leave as soon as your child finishes racing.
- Not expect this season to be "normal" or like past seasons. IT IS OUR CURRENT REALITY
- Be flexible and understanding about changes that WILL occur during the season. There are many factors that are out of our control so directives can and will change.

Parents should:

- Depart the races after their child is finished to alleviate crowd size
- Be sure runners take showers and wash clothes after practices and competitions.



Practice Guidelines

- Runners are to practice social distancing and standing 6+ feet apart at all times with masks. While running, runners are to maintain distancing the best that they can. If passing someone, give them room (swing wide).
- Be aware of community members that we encounter while running and give them space and be respectful of them. If they say anything negative about what you are doing, do not respond. Report that information to a coach.
- Only runners that are in attendance at school are to use the locker rooms to change before practice. If using the locker room, you are expected to change quickly (while wearing a mask) and remain socially distanced.
- Do not use the lockers, secure your items in a bag and place separated.
- Do not congregate and “hang-out” in the locker room. Get in and get out quickly.
- Runners will be assigned to “Training Cohort Groups” and will work within those groups. DO NOT CHANGE GROUPS. Coaches may move people around based on performance.
- After completing workout and any “extra” work (core, drills, stretching weight-training, etc.), runners will be asked to leave practice and head home.
- There is no car-pooling to and away from practice with anyone that does not reside in your household.
- If you have to miss practice for any reason, please communicate with your coach.

Meet Guidelines

- Meet guidelines will be fluid and determined by the host based on criteria from their school district and health agencies.
- PHS runners, coaches, and families/supporters are expected to adhere to the guidelines for each meet.
- Runners will need to scan QR Code and complete survey prior to the competition. If “yes” is answered to any of the questions, communicate with the coach and stay home.
- Transportation may be limited this season. For Saturday meets, we may ask that parents transport runners to the meets. We may provide transportation to a limited number of runners for a meet. Students that complete driving paperwork may be able to drive to meets. More info will be provided in advance of meets.
- No car-pooling with anyone that does not reside in your household.
- No team huddles, high fives, hugs, or any other close person actions. Remain socially distanced.

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- No “hanging-out” in the team camp. Follow instructions given by coaches. This will likely differ from meet to meet and venue to venue.
- Parents/supporters are to remain out of the team camp site, away from the starting line and away from the finish area. Parents/supporters must wear masks while at the course and remain distanced from others and the runners. **DO NOT CROWD THE COURSE.** Want to be heard this year - cowbells!

Away from Team Expectations

We cannot control what individuals on our team do when away from the team, however each runner should understand that their actions and activities away from the team can impact the team.

- If you participate in group activities outside of the team (club sports, youth groups, part-time job) please be vigilant of your COVID exposure risk.
- Practice proper mitigation measures when in these situations (masks, distancing, hand-washing, etc.).
- Understand that athletes could introduce exposure to this team from outside activities.
- Remember that even though athletes are young, they are not invincible or immune.



GIRLS GOLF

Equipment/Facility

- Golfers have their own equipment.
- If school owned and shared between squads then they need to be cleaned/sanitized after each use.
- Driving range is to be determined by golf course.
- Much of the facility information will come from the golf course.
- If bad weather occurs all should return to their vehicles rather than the clubhouse

Practice

- Maximize distance and limit groups on one hole/area as much as possible.
- If a team more than 10 is at practice split up areas and rotate "stations."
- Keep the same groups each day.

Competition Warm Up

- Driving range regulations determined by golf course.
- Consider having a rotation of use to limit number on the range at one time and putting green.

Competition

- All events will utilize shotgun start to get all persons out on the course at one time to avoid gatherings in and around the clubhouse.
- If event is scheduled at a 9-hole course, participants shall not exceed 27 participants.
- If event is scheduled at an 18-hole course, participants shall not exceed 54 participants. (Numbers are based on 3 participants per hole.)
- Postseason will utilize tee times. Teams will not arrive until 45 minutes until their scheduled tee time.
- Communicate the details of the event prior to the day of the event. This way schools can plan their arrival and competition with minimal gatherings to discuss the event details.
- At the conclusion of the event no awards ceremony will take place. Record/sign scorecard and submit to event manager. Event manager will communicate results with schools and delivery of awards appropriately. Set up an outdoor area to sign the scorecard.
- If severe weather delays the event, participants shall go to their car. Avoid large gathering indoors.
- Athletes should provide their own water bottle.
- KSHSAA will consider waiving the requirement for a marker this year in the postseason.

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End of Match

- In lieu of handshakes, please develop and utilize an appropriate sign of respect and sportsmanship that does not include handshake or other physical contact; suggestions include head nod, chest thump, salute, etc.



BOYS SOCCER

Competition Scheduling/Contracts Considerations

- The district cannot sponsor any fall soccer games.
- Consider not participating in multi-team invitational tournaments.
- For any tournaments, consider playing first round games at higher seed sites instead of at one common site to reduce number of schools/teams at one site.
- Allow for competitions to take longer due to safety/sanitation protocol.
- Consider scheduling only one competition per week.
- Consider alternate game nights for various levels (non-varsity and varsity).

Practice Considerations

- Conduct workouts in “pods” of the same students always training and rotating together in practice to ensure more limited exposure if someone develops an infection.
- Practice may proceed in the event that 6 feet social distancing can always be continuously maintained between all individuals.
- Frequent sanitizing and cleaning of surfaces and shared equipment is required.
- Masks must be worn at all times.

Clothes/Uniforms (including pennies)/Equipment

- Towels cleaned/washed after each use.
- Athletes should not share pennies, towels or any other equipment/supplies.
- Shin guards cleaned/sanitized after each use by the athletes.
- Balls cleaned/sanitized before and after each game. Also, during the game, ball holders can clean/sanitize balls. See Ball-Cleaning Guidelines. Easiest method is simply wiping down balls with disinfectant wipes.

Social distancing

- Consider having team bench areas on opposite sides of the field and possibly at diagonals to minimize interactions with sideline official.
- Ball Holders should maintain 6 feet social distancing from others.
- Spectator considerations may include not allowing any, limiting numbers, marking off 6 feet sections in bleacher seating, removing bleachers and asking spectators to bring their own chairs to use in specified/marked areas.
- Move the location of the pregame conference to center of the field. All individuals maintain a social distance of 6 feet.
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet between the substitute, officials and/or teammate(s) by encouraging substitutions to occur closer to the center line.



VOLLEYBALL

Practice

- Practice in “pods” of the same students using the same balls.
- Practice may proceed in the event that 6 feet social distancing can always be continuously maintained between all individuals.
- Frequent sanitizing and cleaning of surfaces and shared equipment is required.
- Masks must be worn at all times.

Game Equipment and Facility

- The officials stand should be cleaned after each match.
- Nets, standards and officials stands should be cleaned and sanitized after set up and before each match. They should be cleaned before storage.
- Ball carts, net padding, etc. should be cleaned with a disinfectant at the end of the day.
- Schools will provide their own volleyballs for warm-up. The host school will provide ball carts for use.
- Volleyballs should be cleaned at the end of the day.
- Clean game balls should be rotated into the match at the end of each game/set.
- Team benches should be cleaned at the end of each match (NOTE: teams will not change benches unless the officials deem a disadvantage to a team). Should they switch sides, benches will need to be disinfected and players/personnel will observe social distancing and wear masks.

Player Clothing

- Clothing/towels/knee pads should be washed and cleaned after every workout & competition.
- Player braces, equipment, etc. should be cleaned after each use/wearing.

Ball Cleaning

- The use of sanitizing wipes inclusive of bleach or similar disinfectant have proven to be effective against emerging viral pathogens. However due to the porous surface of the leather and composite volleyballs, tests have not confirmed the ability to kill the novel coronavirus. When using the wipes, it is suggested to place the wipe in one hand while thoroughly rotating the ball to ensure cleaning of the entire surface.
- Once the entire surface has been cleansed, the ball will need to dry prior to being placed back in use. Please note due to the chemical properties in the wipes, some of the ink on the ball may be removed.
- It is not recommended using bleach and alcohol-based cleaning products, or excessively frequent cleanings, as those may degrade ball covering material and ball markings, and impact overall ball performance.



Competition

- Masks must be worn at all times.
- Match warm-up will be conducted as stated in the KSHSAA Volleyball Manual (20/10 minutes).
- No pre-game and post-game handshakes/high-fives/fist bumps.
- Each team is responsible for its own hand sanitizer and its own med kit.
- Players and team personnel on the team bench will practice social distancing within 20' and wear masks.
- Only athletes will touch the balls. Players will retrieve stray balls. Ball should be set on the floor during a timeout.
- A sanitized back up ball should be available at the score table (someone needs to be designated to sanitize the ball(s).)
- Players would need to use hand sanitizer before entering and when exiting the court during substitutions or with libero; no hand touching allowed during substitutions (sanitizer could be set up on a chair at end of bench.)
- Each school is responsible to bring towels to wipe up sweat off the floor; host schools are recommended to provide a roll of paper towels at the scorer's table.
- Players should avoid huddles after each dead ball. Officials will issue delay of game if prolonged.



FOOTBALL

Practice

- Maintain “pods” of the same students using the same balls.
- Practice may proceed in the event that 6 feet social distancing can always be continuously maintained between all individuals.
- Frequent sanitizing and cleaning of surfaces and shared equipment is required.
- Masks must be worn at all times.
- Limit player exposure to other cohort groups to 10 minutes or less
- Limit the amount of team activities.
- No non-essential personnel should be on the practice field.
- Follow the water bottle guidelines.

Huddle Formations

- Huddles should not be formed in a circle, but in rows.
- Not huddling helps a great deal with social distancing.

Game Considerations

- The team box may be extended on both sides of the field to the 10-yard lines (for players only) to provide more social distancing space for the team.
- Always maintain social distancing of 6 feet while in the team box.
- Do not share uniforms, towels and other apparel and equipment.

Equipment

- The football should be cleaned and sanitized before, throughout and after each practice and competition as recommended by the ball manufacturer.
- The game ball holders should always maintain social distancing guidelines during a contest.
- Face coverings are permitted to be worn directly over the mouth and nose.
- Gaiter (pull-up) style face coverings may pose a risk of neck/tracheal/laryngeal injury if grabbed from behind and used to drag a player down. Therefore, the KSHSAA recommends these style of coverings NOT be worn during competition or Live Action team activities.
- Approved plastic splash guards are permitted by must be NOCSA and NFHS approved and be clear without the presence of any tint. If at any time during the game, a face shield becomes damaged or does not function as designed, then the individual player should be sent out for a minimum of one play to remedy the issue. If the individual can remedy the issue, without delay, then they can stay on the field, just like a helmet coming unsnapped.
- The following helmet face shields are permissible for competition and compliant with NFHS rules: 1. Schutt Sports - Flexible 2-piece "Splash Shield" (Clear). 2. Actuated Medical, Inc. - Polycarbonate 2-piece face shield (Clear).



- Schools should check with their helmet manufacturer prior to attaching any face shield to a helmet to ensure the NOCSAE certification will remain valid with the addition of the face shield.
- Gloves are permissible but still must comply with Rule 1-5-2b by meeting either the NOCSAE Standard or the SFIA Specifications.
- Gloves should be cleaned and sanitized after each practice and competition. Tooth and mouth protectors should be cleaned and sanitized after each practice and competition and should never be shared.
- Tooth and mouth protectors should be kept in mouth and handled as few times as possible with your hands. Keep them in your mouth.

Charged Time-Outs

- All charged time-outs will be two minutes in length. This is to facilitate proper individual hydration getting individual water bottles to players and for coaching. Per rule, play may resume earlier if both teams are ready for play.
- The authorized conference for charged time-outs should take place between the 7 or 9- yard marks and not on the sideline for social distancing purposes. It will be permissible for more than one coach to be involved in these conferences and for technology to be used.

Intermission Between Period and After Scoring

- The intermission may be extended to a maximum of two minutes between the first and second and the third and fourth periods and following a try, successful field goal or safety, and prior to the succeeding free kick.

Pregame Conference, Coin Toss and Overtime Procedures

- For the coin toss, limit attendees to the referee, umpire and no more than two representatives from each team. It is permitted to forego the pre-game coin toss in the middle of the field if the coin toss has already taken place.
- The coin toss should take place in the center of the field with designated individuals maintaining social distancing requirements.
- No handshakes prior to and following the coin toss.
- Maintain social distancing while performing all pregame responsibilities with all officiating crew members, game administration staff, line-to-gain crew, clock operators, individuals handling the balls during the game and team personnel. For the overtime procedure, please use the same procedures as used at the start of the contest for the coin toss.

Sidelines

- The sidelines should be clear in order to work the game.
- Officials need to make sure coaches are in their coaching box and players are in their designated areas, as social distancing guidelines are vital for the mitigation of the spread.

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- Coaches should not need to be told to be in their designated areas.

Pre and Post Game Considerations

- Suspend the pregame protocol of shaking hands during introductions.
- Suspend the postgame protocol of shaking hands.
- In lieu of handshakes, please develop and utilize an appropriate sign of respect and sportsmanship that does not include handshake or other physical contact; suggestions include head nod, chest thump, salute, etc.



SPIRIT SQUADS

Judges

- Chairs should be 6 feet apart for everyone sitting at the judging and tabulation tables.
Event Staff:
- Make sure all county and USD guidelines for COVID-19 are followed by all attendees.
Masks must be worn at all times.

Equipment/Facility

- Both warmup and performance mats should be cleaned/sanitized between each group's warmup and performance.
- Clean mats and practice surfaces between each practice o Check with mat manufacture for guidelines on cleaning mats.

Practices and Competitions

- Maintain common partners, small static groups
- Clean mats and practice surfaces between each practice o Check with mat manufacture for guidelines on cleaning mats.
- Participants should be appropriately spaced on the court, field or sideline to ensure proper social distancing.

Apparel

- Jewelry of any kind is prohibited except for the following: A religious medal without a chain is allowed and must be taped and worn under the uniform.
- A medical-alert medal must be taped and may be visible.

Other Spirit Considerations

- Judge placement during adjudicated performance and competition. Judges, officials, adjudicators, etc. should be appropriately spaced to ensure proper social distancing.
- In lieu of handshakes, please develop and utilize an appropriate sign of respect and sportsmanship that does not include a handshake or other physical contact; suggestions include head nod, chest thump, salute, etc.
- The NFHS Aerosol Disbursement Study can draw a parallel with Spirit Activities (chanting cheers) and theatre speaking performances with high volumes.
- These activities create aerosol less than coughing, but more than talking.

MUSIC



The considerations outlined are meant to decrease potential exposure to respiratory droplets by encouraging physical distancing, limiting participation in administrative tasks to essential personnel and allowing for appropriate and reasonable protective equipment. Through the NFHS study, performing arts activities have been found to create aerosol that is less than coughing, but more than talking. The following considerations are effective for music classes and continued results lower the risk level from high to normal/low.

- Outdoor music rehearsals and concerts are preferred with masks and bell covers
- Masks should be worn by all students and staff prior to entering the performing arts room.
- Teachers are assumed to talk the most and as a result should wear the most efficient mask possible that is readily available, which are surgical masks. (N95s are not recommended at this time due to supply chain issues)
- No talking should occur in the room without a mask being properly worn
- Distancing (6' x 6', trombones 6' x 9')
- Bell covers
 - Multi-layers
 - MERV 13 type filter material cut larger than the bell size
 - Surgical mask type material
 - 2 layers of 80 denier hose (nylon & spandex) for a total of 160 denier bell covers
 - Place the MERV 13 type material between the two hose layers or on the inside of both layers and use the hose to hold the filter material in place
 - Something is always better than nothing
 - Non-stretchy material is preferred
- 30 minutes maximum per group rehearsals
- Air ventilation between classes (every 10 minutes during rehearsals and a thorough exchange between rehearsals.
- Extra Ventilation (i.e. HEPA Filters = Air scrubbers)
- Smaller group rehearsals
- Straight rehearsal rows not normal curved rows

Hygiene

- Spit valves emptied onto "puppy pads" or similar pad on the floor away from others and appropriately discarded after each rehearsal
- Handwashing
- Hand sanitizer should be readily available
- Soap and Warm water should be available.
- Hands should be washed after contact with surfaces and others

Common Areas

- Should be managed to limit the number of students at a time in the room.

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Masks

- Woodwinds and Brass should use a mask while playing which includes a small straight slit in a surgical style mask
- Do not use the woodwind/brass mask outside of rehearsal

PIPER SCHOOL DISTRICT EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Participation in school activities is voluntary and every individual will need to evaluate the risk versus the benefits of activity participation. Piper USD No. 203 cannot prevent students from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in school activities. While Piper USD No. 203 will take necessary precautions and comply with guidelines from federal, state and local governments, the CDC, KDHE as well as KSHSAA, it is not possible to prevent against the presence of the virus. Therefore, students who choose to participate in school activities may be exposed to and/or increase their risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in Piper USD No. 203 athletic programs or other extracurricular activities and events, the undersigned acknowledges, understands and agrees that:

1. Participation includes potential for exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist;
2. I will NOT attend or attempt to participate in any activity if I am experiencing any COVID-19 signs, symptoms or conditions or if I am subject to any required quarantine and will instead report the same to my coach or other designated school official.
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated rules, guidelines, terms and conditions for participation to protect against infectious diseases including, but not limited to:
 - a. Screenings for COVID-19 signs and symptoms, including a daily temperature check, prior to any practice, event, or team meeting with participation in the activity being limited and/or prohibited where an individual displays positive responses or symptoms.
 - b. Social distancing and healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing, using hand sanitizer.
 - c. Wearing masks/face coverings at all times except when directly participating in the activity.
4. I willingly agree that if I observe or become aware of any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation to include my own health condition, including feeling sick or having an elevated temperature above 99 degrees, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately;
5. I willingly agree that should I test positive for COVID-19, I must obtain written clearance by a medical provider before returning to participation;
6. I willingly agree to abide by all rules and policies of Piper USD No. 203 and KSHSAA;
7. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE PIPER USD No. 203, its agents or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and RELEASE PIPER USD No. 203, its agents and any other participants or officials WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF PIPER USD No. 203, its agents and any other participants or officials OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS PARTICIAPATION AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IF FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Name (printed): _____

I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor named above. I have the legal right to consent to and, by signing below, I hereby do consent to the terms and conditions of this Release.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Name (printed): _____