



# South Henry School Corporation Reopening Plan 2020-2021

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## I. School Reopening Overview

Considerations outlined within this document are intended to provide parents/caregivers, students, faculty, and staff with guidance for reopening Tri Elementary and Tri Junior Senior High Schools during the current pandemic environment. As more is learned about COVID-19 and updated guidance is issued by the CDC, the Indiana State Board of Health, and the Henry County Health Department, updates and changes to this plan will be required. Additionally, we continue to receive new guidance from the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE), the Governor's Office, and the Indiana General Assembly (IGA). We will continue to communicate with local authorities and review all recommendations from the various sources mentioned above.

The school corporation will communicate any updates or changes to the plan as they are made. This information will be communicated via the corporation website, the school Facebook pages, SchoolMessenger calls, and email.

In determining our reopening strategy we will consider our ability to maintain a safe and healthy school environment as well as the prevalence of COVID-19 in our community. We will constantly evaluate these two factors as the community will most likely fluctuate between the various phases of disease transmission over the coming months.

Per Governor Holcomb's executive order, Indiana schools are allowed to reopen on July 1.

Schools will reopen for student instruction on August 5, 2020, with the option for students to attend in person or via remote learning (eLearning).

## II. **Key Guidelines for Reopening**

1. School will open for students and staff on Wednesday, August 5, 2020, as originally scheduled. This will be for all students.

2. If a student cannot attend in person due to health concerns or, if the student's caregiver does not want their student to attend school in person, then instruction will be provided remotely via eLearning. The Indiana Department of Education has emphasized that the expectation for student instructional time is five hours per day for elementary students and 6 hours per day for junior senior high school students. This is a legal requirement. Students have until Friday, August 14, to declare that they will learn virtually for the first nine weeks in grades K-8 and for the entire first semester in grades 9-12.
3. Students and staff must self screen prior to coming to school to check for possible symptoms of COVID-19. If symptoms are present the individual must not come to school. Additional information on symptoms and self-screening is included in this detailed reopening plan.
4. Staff and students are required to wear a mask at all times. Face shields are acceptable.
  - Student masks are now required per the governor's executive order. This includes on the school bus and most in-school settings. Masks may not be required in certain situations such as eating breakfast and lunch.
  - Adult masks are required unless the teacher is at an acceptable distance from the students while instructing the whole class.
5. Instructional space will be maximized and social distancing will be practiced as much as possible in each classroom. The following practices will be enacted in classrooms:
  - Seating charts are required.
  - Students are to sit in rows facing in the same direction.
  - No group work without a mask.
6. Students riding the school bus will be assigned to a seat and will be required to wear a mask while on the bus.
7. Housekeeping will employ enhanced cleaning procedures.
8. If school is closed due to a positive case of COVID-19 the school will be closed for cleaning and students will learn via eLearning until the Henry County Health Department allows a return to in-person instruction.
9. Water fountains will only have the hands free water bottle filler available for use to eliminate touching of the push buttons on the drinking fountain. The fountain will be covered to prevent use. Students and staff may bring water bottles to school to use. Water will also be provided to students during lunch.
10. Only essential visitors will be allowed into buildings and each must sign in at the school office with their name, contact number, destination within the school, the time in and out, and they must wear a mask.

11. Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria or other designated locations with each appropriately distanced from the other students. They will also be assigned to a seat.
12. Please if you have any questions about any symptoms your child might be exhibiting or whether they should be in school, call our school nurse Mrs. Scholl at 765-987-7988 ext 203 or at 765-465-9423.
13. If a student or staff member is expected to have COVID-19 and are tested, they will need to remain out of school for ten (10) days from the first day symptoms appear. Students must take their device home so that they can continue learning remotely. They also must be fever free (without medication used to reduce fever) for 72 hours and there must be no vomiting or diarrhea for the last 72 hours. Additionally, any symptoms of respiratory distress or coughing must have improved as well. Most importantly, anyone who is tested for COVID-19 will receive guidance from the South Henry School Corporation nurse and the Henry County Health Department regarding when it is safe for them to return to school. An individual may not return to school prior to receiving this guidance.
14. Students who are sick at school must wear a mask at all times.

### **III. Health Protocols**

The school corporation has the dual responsibility of working to prevent the introduction and spread of COVID-19 in the school environment and community as well as to provide a quality education program.

State statute gives public school districts the authority to exclude students who have a contagious disease such as COVID-19 or are liable to transmit it after exposure (IC 20-34-3-9). In addition, the local health department has the authority to exclude students from school and may order students and others to isolate or quarantine (IC 16-41-9-1.6). The school corporation will work closely with the local health department in determining when, and if, a student needs to be excluded from school or the school needs to be closed for an extended period of time.

#### **A. Symptoms Impacting Consideration for Exclusion from School**

Although it is felt that approximately 40% will have no symptoms, the following COVID-19-related symptoms must be considered when determining whether or not to exclude a student or employee from school:

- A fever of 100.4° F or greater
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- New loss of taste or smell

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills and or repeated shaking with chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Red or purple lesion on toes or hands
- Unexplained rash or hives

Both students and employees will be excluded from school if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit one or more of the symptoms of COVID-19 based on CDC Guidance that is not otherwise explained. An individual who has COVID-19 will almost always have multiple symptoms.

## **B. Return to School After Exclusion**

Once a student or employee is excluded from the school environment, they may return if they satisfy the following recommendations and have consulted with the School Nurse:

### **Untested - Symptomatic**

Persons who have **not** received a test proving or disproving the presence of COVID-19 but experience symptoms. Quarantine of siblings, other household members, and close contacts for 14 days from last day of contact with the symptomatic person maybe warranted Consult with school nurse or Henry County Health Dept. The following other conditions must be met:

- At least 10 calendar days in isolation have passed since symptoms first appeared
- They have **not** had a fever for at least 72 hours (without the use of medicine that reduces fevers)
- Other symptoms have improved (for example, No nausea, vomiting or diarrhea for the last 72 hours or when your cough or shortness of breath have improved);
- We Strongly recommend that you consult your healthcare provider for direction regarding the return to school and need for possible testing

### **Tested Positive- Symptomatic**

Quarantine of siblings, other household members, and close contacts for 14 days from last day of contact with the symptomatic person is to occur. Persons who experienced symptoms and have been tested for COVID-19 may return to school if the following conditions are met:

- The individual no longer has a fever for at least 72 hours (without the use medicine that reduces fevers)
- Other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved); and
- At least 10 calendar days in isolation have passed since symptoms first appeared

Anyone who is tested for COVID-19 will receive guidance from the South Henry School Corporation nurse and the Henry County Health Department regarding when it is safe for them to return to school. An individual may not return to school prior to receiving this guidance.

**Tested Positive- Asymptomatic**

Quarantine of siblings, other household members, and close contacts for 14 days from last day of contact with the asymptomatic positive person is to occur.

Persons who have not had symptoms but test positive for COVID-19 may return when the following has occurred:

- Gone 10 calendar days in isolation past their test without symptoms and have been preferably released by a healthcare provider in writing
- Anyone who is tested for COVID-19 will receive guidance from the South Henry School Corporation nurse and the Henry County Health Department regarding when it is safe for them to return to school. An individual may not return to school prior to receiving this guidance.

**Tested Positive- Impact on School Operations**

The school corporation will follow the Indiana State Department of Health’s recommendation to work with the Henry County Health Department in following the CDC guidance on “When a confirmed case has entered a school, regardless of community transmission.” These recommendations and procedures will provide guidance on proper cleaning and disinfecting protocols to allow the reopening of the school.

**C. Screening**

It is important to screen students and staff for COVID-19 symptoms and history of exposure. The school corporation will focus its efforts on self-screening as the primary means of determining whether or not an individual should come to school or not. Other types of screening may be used from time to time depending on the circumstances. These include school-based screening and medical inquiries.

**Self-Screening**

Parents and employees must be aware of the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and should self-screen themselves or their student prior to coming to school each day. Students and employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without being otherwise explained, are prohibited from coming to school, and if they do come to school, they will be isolated from the general population and then be sent home immediately.

**School-Based Screening** may consist of the following:

- *Temperature Screening*  
Temperature screening will be utilized in situations where there is reason to believe that the person may be ill. Touch-free thermometers will be used.

- *Observational/Self-Reported Screening*  
Training will be provided to staff in the recognition of COVID-19 symptoms and screening practices. Students and employees exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 without being otherwise explained, are prohibited from coming to school, and if they do come to school, they will be isolated and sent home immediately.

### **Medical Inquiries**

Federal law typically limits the type of medical inquiries that can be made, but given the nature of the pandemic more leeway has been given to schools in this circumstance to make additional medical inquiries of staff and students than would otherwise be allowed.

- If a parent reports that a student is ill, the school may ask the parent whether the student is exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19.
- If an employee calls in sick or appears ill, the school can inquire as to whether the employee is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.
- If a person is obviously ill, the school may make additional inquiries and may exclude the person from school property.

Even without symptoms, if a student or employee has recently had contact with a person with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, has someone in their home being tested for COVID-19, or has recently traveled from somewhere considered to be a “hot spot” by the CDC, the school may exclude the student or employee from the school building and recommend that they self-quarantine for up to 14 calendar days.

## **D. Wearing Masks and Other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

### **Non-students**

Staff will be expected to wear a mask unless instructing the entire class at an appropriate distance from students.

Some non-students may need to wear additional PPE (i.e. health-related, custodial staff, specialized positions, etc.) when directed to do so by district/school protocol or the employee’s supervisor.

The school corporation will provide masks to any faculty or staff member who requests one.

Additional accommodations will be made for staff based on their individual health plan.

### **Students**

Students are required to wear a mask or face shield at all times while at school or on the school bus. In all cases we will abide by the directives of the Henry County Board of Health, the Indiana State Department of Health, and/or the CDC. Some students may be required to wear additional PPE (i.e. health-related, special conditions, etc.) when directed to do so by student health plans.

It may be necessary for the school corporation to provide masks for those students who

have a health plan that requires them to wear a mask.

Additional accommodations may need to be made for students based on their individual health plan.

#### **E. Clinic Space**

##### **COVID -19 Symptomatic**

The school corporation will utilize a separate space in the nurse's clinic where students or employees who are feeling ill are evaluated or wait for pick up. All waiting staff and students will be required to wear a mask. Only essential staff assigned to the clinic may enter. The isolation area will be disinfected several times throughout the day. Strict social distancing is required and staff must wear appropriate PPE. Students who are ill will be walked out of the building to their parents. If a student or staff member has a fever, for any reason, it is required that staff and students be fever-free, without the use of fever-reducing medications, for 72 hours before returning to school. Additionally, all staff and students with fevers or symptoms associated with COVID-19 should be encouraged to seek medical attention for further evaluation and instructions. Students and staff may return before the 72 hour window has elapsed if they are approved to do so in writing by their healthcare provider or as directed by the Henry County Health Department and South Henry School Corporation nurse.

##### **Non-COVID-19 Related**

Students who do not display symptoms of COVID-19 can be seen and treated in the nurse's clinic.

#### **F. Confirmed Case of COVID-19 on School Property**

When there is confirmation that a person infected with COVID-19 was on school property, the school corporation will contact the local health department immediately. The school will work with the local health department to determine whether or not the building/s should be closed.

The local health department is responsible for contacting the person confirmed with COVID-19, to perform contact tracing, and to provide guidance to the other household members regarding self-quarantine and exclusions.

If a closure is determined necessary, the school will consult with the local health department to determine the status of all school activities.

The custodial staff will thoroughly disinfect any parts of the building or bus areas, furnishings, and equipment where an exposure has occurred. If possible, the custodial staff will wait 24 hours or as long as possible prior to disinfecting. If that is not possible or school is in session, the cleaning will occur immediately.

## G. Preventative Measures

In order to help prevent the spread of disease in the school setting it is imperative that sick employees and students stay home. Additionally, students and employees should remain home if someone in the household has COVID-19 symptoms or is being tested for COVID-19.

The four most important prevention strategies are:

- educating all individuals on symptoms of Covid-19,
- correct technique for social distancing,
- frequent handwashing
- Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as face masks and shields.

**The health department has indicated that social distancing and hand washing are the two most important things an individual can do.**

**Social distancing** can be accomplished in many different ways and it is up to the school to determine which strategies would work best in their unique situation. The South Henry School Corporation will have all students seated at individual desks with all desks facing the front of the classroom. Social distancing on the school bus will be difficult so students must sit in assigned seats and wear a mask. During lunch, tables will be placed on the stage and/or in the hallways and students will be assigned seats that are at an appropriate distance from one another. There may be a need to have some classes eat lunch in their classrooms or in another larger area.

**Handwashing** for a minimum of 20 seconds (saying ABC's), avoiding touching your face, eyes, nose, or mouth and coughing or sneezing in the sleeve are also important steps a person can take to avoid becoming sick or spreading germs to others. Employees and students should wash their hands often with soap and water and use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol when hand washing is impractical. Additional time will be built into the school day to allow students to go to the restroom to wash their hands. Classes may be staggered to allow for appropriate social distancing. Key times during the school day when all persons should wash their hands include the following:

- Start of the school day
- Before eating
- After using the restroom
- After blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After using shared equipment
- Students and staff should use hand sanitizer any time they enter a classroom

Water fountains will not be utilized except that the touchless water bottle filling stations in both schools may be used by students and staff to fill their own water bottles. Water will also be provided during lunch.

#### **H. Maintenance of Facilities**

1. Regular sanitation of desks, computers, doors, etc. will occur following an established schedule.
2. Air quality will be monitored regularly and air filters will be changed more frequently.
3. Regular testing of drinking water will continue.
4. Signage will be posted to let the public know the cleaning and sanitation schedule.
5. All cleaning procedures, sanitizing, and frequency will be documented.
6. Indicators to assist students with social distancing in locations when entire class groups are taken will be utilized. These could be in areas such as the cafeteria, restrooms, etc.
7. The playground will be regularly sanitized and cleaned according to an established schedule.

#### **I. Building Protocols**

1. Only essential visitors will be allowed into buildings and each must sign in at the school office with their name, contact number, destination within the school, the time in and out, and they must wear a mask.
2. Family visits for things like having lunch with a student will not be allowed. Family members will, however, be allowed to attend conferences for their student.
3. Vendors will only be allowed into the building at times when students are not present or, if during the school day, in areas where students do not have access.
4. CDC guidance on COVID-19 symptoms will be posted at each public entrance to allow visitors to review prior to entering the building.
5. Maximum occupancy numbers for large group areas will be revised downward.
6. Since the number of students per classroom will be impossible to limit social distancing will be practiced and masks will be required.
7. Desks will be used in classrooms with all students facing the same direction to minimize exposure to other students.
8. Plexiglass shields may be used in select locations

9. Teachers may be required to rotate to classrooms to teach lessons in order to keep the same group together as much as possible
10. Physical Education may meet outside or in the gym limiting contact as much as possible
11. The number of students on the playground during recess will be reduced.
12. Latch Key will be offered using the same protocols as used during the school day.
13. Every effort will be made to reduce the amount of materials, supplies, and personal belongings going to and from school. The same consideration will also be given to reducing student exposure to high-touch, shared resources at school.

## **J. eLearning**

Possible eLearning scenarios that may be employed are:

1. Teachers prepare eLearning lessons for their students who are attending school in person if school has to be closed for any reason.
2. Students who elect to learn full time virtually will utilize Calvert Learning with a teacher provided by Calvert Learning for student instruction at Tri Elementary School. Junior senior high school students will utilize courses through Plato and will have core academic subject support from Tri Junior Senior High School teachers as well as general support from additional Tri Junior Senior High School teachers in accessing Plato.
3. Meals may be distributed to students who are out for eLearning.
4. Families are encouraged to submit free and reduced meal applications to help with meal funding.
5. The Continuous Learning Plan will be updated as needed.

## **K. Student and Staff Meal Plan**

1. If proper social distancing can be achieved everyone will eat in the cafeteria. If this is not possible then some classes may have to eat in their classrooms.
2. Common areas for meals such as gyms and hallways may be, if needed, utilized for meals in order to achieve proper social distancing.
3. There will be no self serve meals provided. All meals will be served by cafeteria staff or pre packaged and ready for students to “grab and go” to the location they have been assigned.
4. Students will have assigned seats for lunch.

#### **L. Athletics, Extracurricular Activities, and Field Trips**

1. Attendance may be limited at all extracurricular events to only essential participants, workers, and a limited number of spectators per Henry County Health Department recommendations.
2. The ability to livestream events will be explored.
3. No field trips the first semester
4. Performing arts and clubs follow the same guidelines as athletics in Appendix C of the Indiana DOE In-Class document.

#### **M. Other Considerations**

1. Individual student and staff health and/or 504 plans will be developed and updated as needed.
2. The school corporation will hire an additional nurse or nurse aide from CARES Act funding.
3. The school reopening plan will be board approved with the understanding that it may change as conditions change. We will not be able to bring every change back for board approval before implementing so a resolution will be passed allowing the superintendent to implement changes prior to board approval.
4. DOE will be developing training modules on various topics relative to COVID-19, best practices for remediation of students in ELA and math, best practices for eLearning, social emotional learning guidance, etc. Staff will be expected to participate in all trainings and will receive PGPs
5. Compensatory services for special education students may be funded by CARES Act.
6. We will develop a succession plan for each decision making position in the school corporation.
7. All immunization requirements are still in place and must be followed.

#### **N. Transportation Preparations and Cleaning**

The following procedures will be in effect:

1. Inspect all buses before and after use.
2. Driver will clean and sanitize the bus before each trip. Documentation of cleaning and sanitizing will be required.

3. Cleaning equipment and supplies will be available to each driver as recommended by the manufacturer and Health Department.
4. It will be recommended drivers wear masks during routes.
5. Extra PPE will be provided such as gloves and hand sanitizer for each bus.
6. Wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting a bus that transported a passenger or had a driver who tests positive for COVID-19 or exhibited symptoms of Covid-19. If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible. Affected buses can be used immediately after cleaning.
7. As much as possible drivers will stay in a specific bus
8. Students will have assigned seats to help with contact tracing and will have a written seating chart on the bus and will wear a mask while on the bus.

#### **O. Building and Maintenance Preparations for Returning to school**

The following procedures will be in effect:

1. Custodial workers will be assigned for 1st, 2nd and 3rd shift work.
2. High School and elementary classrooms will have hand sanitizer dispensers in all classrooms.
3. Counter tops, computers, keyboards, monitors, desks and door knobs will be disinfected throughout the day and after the building is empty. All rooms, gyms, locker rooms, cafeteria, restrooms and open hallways will be sprayed with disinfectant by custodians on the 2nd and 3rd shift.
4. Hand sanitizer will be available in the hallways in all areas and hand sanitizer will be available at all extra curricular events.
5. Plexiglass may be installed in different areas.
6. Lost and Found items will not be left in the hallways but will be located in a separate area.
7. Deep cleaning after hours and Saturdays.
8. Lids will be taken off of trash cans for no touch trash disposal.
9. During the day as classrooms are empty the areas may be disinfected.
10. Playground equipment will be sanitized regularly.
11. Gloves will be mandatory to be worn during the day and masks are required for employees.
12. Air filters will be changed more frequently in all classrooms and air handlers.
13. Water will be tested monthly as usual.
14. Dust mops and wet mops will be changed daily and washed with disinfectant and sanitized before each shift.

**Tri Athletic Department  
Athlete Re-Entry Plan  
2020-2021 School Year**

The purpose of this plan is to create the safest way possible for our student athletes to start participating in their respective sports during the COVID-19 pandemic. This plan will use the recommendations and mandates provided by the governor's office, IDOE, and Henry County health department along with the administration of Tri Jr-Sr High School. The plan will follow the three phase guidelines put out by the state of Indiana. All coaches and essential personnel will become familiar with and carry out the guidelines of the re-entry plan.

**Phase I-July 6-19**

- Student athletes should be limited to 15 hours per week on campus.
- Individual student athletes are limited to 15 total hours of school contact activity per calendar week. (The Sunday Rule will be enforced)
- School contact activity includes conditioning and sport-specific activities.
- No sport may have more than two activity days per calendar week. Each sport must register their activity days in the office of the Athletic Director at least 10 days in advance. Sport-specific activity days may not occur on consecutive calendar days.
- Activity days are limited to three hours per day. (Six hours per calendar week.)
- Conditioning is limited to four days per week. Conditioning sessions may be held multiple times each day, each session limited to two hours. Student athletes may attend only one conditioning session per day.
- ALL SUMMER ACTIVITIES ARE VOLUNTARY
- All State and local guidelines for group limitations must be followed and social distancing is encouraged.
- Any student who prefers to wear a face covering for activities should be allowed, if doing so will not cause a health risk.
- Students, when not engaging in vigorous activity and when practical, should wear face coverings. See Appendix A.
- Non-students, including coaches, medical-related staff, directors, security staff, supervisors, etc. should wear face coverings at all times unless under rigorous activity or poses a health risk. See Appendix A.
- Only essential student athletes, student participants, coaches, medical staff, related supervisors, directors, and security should be in attendance.
- Consideration should be given to vulnerable individuals and it is encouraged for those individuals to seek medical guidance regarding his/her individual level of participation.

- An alternate command structure for coaching staff should be established in case of illness.
- Prior to participation, all first-time student athletes are required to have an IHSAA pre-participation physical for the upcoming school year. Returning student athletes are not required to obtain a new IHSAA pre-participation physical, but should provide a 2020-21 IHSAA Health History Update Questionnaire and Consent & Release Certificate prior to participation.
- All students and staff should be trained and screened for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 prior to participating in workouts, rehearsals, or practices. See Appendix A .
- Any person with COVID-19-related symptoms should not be allowed to take part in workouts, rehearsals, or practices and should contact his or her primary care provider or other appropriate healthcare professional.
- The State website has a list of over 200 testing facilities, their location and hours of operation. This list is updated frequently.
- Any person with a positive COVID-19 test shall trigger the established predetermined thresholds for mitigation strategies by following ISDH’s recommendation to work with your local health department in following the CDC guidance which can be found here. Reference page 3, “When a confirmed case has entered a school, regardless of community transmission.”
- Coaches must track COVID-19 impacted attendance and report to district/school administration.
- Follow specific return to school protocol in reference to participation for student athletes or staff members who no longer test positive and/or no longer display symptoms of COVID-19. See Appendix A, reference Return to School After Exclusion.
- Districts/schools are encouraged to post signs displaying symptoms to educate students.
  
- Individuals should wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds with warm water and soap before touching any surfaces or participating. If this is not possible, hand sanitizer should be plentiful and available to individuals as they transfer from place to place.
- Locker rooms should not be utilized. Students should report to their activity in proper gear and immediately return home to shower at the conclusion. Restrooms should remain available for student athletes and athletic staff, however social distancing is encouraged.
- Gathering sizes should be decreased as much as possible to reduce risk. Workouts should be conducted in defined, smaller groups of students with the same students always together. Reduce gathering size by half capacity in large

areas (weight room, band rooms, wrestling rooms, etc.).

- The goal of social distancing is defined by the CDC. If it is not possible to follow these guidelines indoors or outdoors, then create as much distance as possible. It is recommended that participants and coaches wear face coverings when distancing is limited and the individual is not participating in rigorous activity. For sidelines, benches, or other holding areas, consider establishing protocol as a guide for students and coaches. The goal and expectation is no contact.
- Consider scheduling adjustments to reduce the number of events, duration, and/or participants present.
- Cleaning schedules should be created and implemented for all facilities and equipment to mitigate any communicable diseases. Review the plan and supply inventory to thoroughly clean and disinfect prior to and after usage following CDC, EPA, and OSHA guidelines. The plan should be clear on who cleans and appropriate training and PPE is provided for such.
- School activities using off-site, non-school owned facilities and equipment for related activities should work with the off-site facility provider to ensure the associated and relevant safety measures are in place. If transporting to-and-from workouts, rehearsals, or practices, transportation safety measures and cleaning regarding team or group transportation must be followed. See Appendix E.
- Appropriate clothing/shoes should be worn at all times to minimize transmission.
- No sharing of clothing, shoes, towels, or water bottles.
- Hand sanitizer should be plentiful and available at all times.
- If equipment must be shared, including sports balls, weight room facilities, non-wind instruments, etc., this equipment should be cleaned prior to use and immediately following usage. Responsibility for cleaning should be clear and appropriate training and PPE should be provided.
- Equipment such as weight benches, athletic pads, etc. having holes with exposed foam should be covered or discarded.
- Students must be expected to shower at home and wash workout clothing immediately upon returning to their home. If a student does not have a laundered uniform, he/she may not be allowed to participate in practice or competition.
- If schools launder student gear or uniforms, PPE must be available for the person in charge of laundering.
- Free weight exercises requiring a spotter cannot be conducted. Safety measures in all forms must be strictly enforced in the weight room.
- For contact sports, no contact is allowed.
- Shared hydration stations (water trough, water fountains, water hose, etc.) should not be utilized except for filling individual, labeled water bottles.
- No formal competition is allowed.

- Pool usage is acceptable. Schools should take necessary steps to promote health and safety both in the water and out by social distancing and using good hygiene.
- State and local guidelines that may determine when and how recreational water facilities may operate should be followed.

### **Phase II: July 20-August 15**

- All State and local guidelines for group limitations must be followed and social distancing is encouraged.
- Any student who prefers to wear a face covering for activities should be allowed, if doing so will not cause a health risk.
- Students, when not engaging in vigorous activity and when practical, should wear face coverings. See Appendix A.
- Non-students, including coaches, medical-related staff, directors, security staff, supervisors, etc. should wear face coverings at all times unless under rigorous activity or poses a health risk. See Appendix A.
- Only essential student athletes, student participants, coaches, medical staff, related supervisors, directors, and security should be in attendance.
- Consideration should be given to vulnerable individuals and it is encouraged for those individuals to seek medical guidance regarding his/her individual level of participation.
- An alternate command structure for coaching staff should be established in case of illness.
- Prior to participation, all first-time student athletes are required to have an IHSA pre-participation physical for the upcoming school year. Returning student athletes are not required to obtain a new IHSA pre-participation physical, but should provide a 2020-21 IHSA Health History Update Questionnaire and Consent & Release Certificate prior to participation.
- All students and staff should be trained and screened for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 prior to participating in workouts, rehearsals, or practices. See Appendix A .
- Any person with COVID-19-related symptoms should not be allowed to take part in workouts, rehearsals, or practices and should contact his or her primary care provider or other appropriate healthcare professional.
- The State website has a list of over 200 testing facilities, their location and hours of operation. This list is updated frequently.
- Any person with a positive COVID-19 test shall trigger the established predetermined thresholds for mitigation strategies by following ISDH's recommendation to work with your local health department in following the CDC guidance which can be found here. Reference page 3, "When a confirmed case

has entered a school, regardless of community transmission.”

○ Coaches must track COVID-19 impacted attendance and report to district/school administration.

○ Follow specific return to school protocol in reference to participation for student athletes or staff members who no longer test positive and/or no longer display symptoms of COVID-19. See Appendix A, reference Return to School After Exclusion.

○ Districts/schools are encouraged to post signs displaying symptoms to educate students.

● Individuals should wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds with warm water and soap before touching any surfaces or participating. If this is not possible, hand sanitizer should be plentiful and available to individuals as they transfer from place to place.

● If locker rooms or meeting rooms are used, 50 percent capacity is recommended.

● Gathering sizes should be decreased as much as possible to reduce risk.

Workouts should be conducted in defined, smaller groups of students with the same students always together. Reduce gathering size by half capacity in large areas (weight room, band rooms, wrestling rooms, etc.).

● The goal of social distancing is defined by the CDC. If it is not possible to follow these guidelines indoors or outdoors, then create as much distance as possible. It is recommended that participants and coaches wear face coverings when distancing is limited and the individual is not participating in rigorous activity. For sidelines, benches, or other holding areas, consider establishing protocol as a guide for students and coaches.

● Consider scheduling adjustments to reduce the number of events, duration, and/or participants present.

● Contact is allowed as defined by Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA).

● Cleaning schedules should be created and implemented for all facilities and equipment to mitigate any communicable diseases. Review the plan and supply inventory to thoroughly clean and disinfect prior to and after usage following CDC, EPA, and OSHA guidelines. The plan should be clear on who cleans and appropriate training and PPE is provided for such.

● School activities using off-site, non-school owned facilities and equipment for related activities should work with the off-site facility provider to ensure the associated and relevant safety measures are in place. If transporting to-and-from workouts, rehearsals, or practices, transportation safety measures and cleaning regarding team or group transportation must be followed. See Appendix E.

● Appropriate clothing/shoes should be worn at all times to minimize transmission.

- No sharing of clothing, shoes, towels, or water bottles.
- Hand sanitizer should be plentiful and available at all times.
- If equipment must be shared, including sports balls, weight room facilities, non-wind instruments, etc., should be cleaned prior to use and immediately following usage. Responsibility for cleaning should be clear and appropriate training and PPE should be provided.
- Any equipment such as weight benches, athletic pads, etc. having holes with exposed foam should be covered or discarded.
- Students must be expected to shower at school or at home and wash workout clothing immediately upon returning to their home. If a student does not have a laundered uniform, he/she may not be allowed to participate in practice or competition.
- If schools launder student gear or uniforms, PPE must be available for the person in charge of laundering.
- Free weight exercises requiring a spotter can be conducted. Safety measures in all forms must be strictly enforced in the weight room.
- Celebratory and sportsmanship acts that involve contact should be prohibited.
- Shared hydration stations (water trough, water fountains, water hose, etc.) should not be utilized except for filling individual, labeled water bottles.
- Pool usage is acceptable. Schools should take necessary steps to promote health and safety both in the water and out by social distancing and using good hygiene.
- State and local guidelines that may determine when and how recreational water facilities may operate should be followed.
  
- No formal competition is allowed with the exception of girls golf.

### **Phase III: August 15**

- All State and local guidelines for group limitations must be followed and social distancing is encouraged.
- Any student who prefers to wear a face covering for activities should be allowed, if doing so will not cause a health risk.
- Students, when not engaging in vigorous activity and when practical, should wear face coverings. See Appendix A.
- Non-students, including coaches, medical-related staff, directors, security staff, supervisors, etc. should wear face coverings at all times unless under rigorous activity or poses a health risk. See Appendix A.
- Consideration should be given to vulnerable individuals and it is encouraged for those

individuals to seek medical guidance regarding his/her individual level of participation.

- An alternate command structure for coaching staff should be established in case of illness.
- Prior to participation, all first-time student athletes are required to have an IHSAA pre-participation physical for the upcoming school year. Returning student athletes are not required to obtain a new IHSAA pre-participation physical, but should provide a 2020-21 IHSAA Health History Update Questionnaire and Consent & Release Certificate prior to participation.
- All students and staff should be trained and screened for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 prior to participating in workouts, rehearsals, or practices. See Appendix A .
- Any person with COVID-19-related symptoms should not be allowed to take part in workouts, rehearsals, or practices and should contact his or her primary care provider or other appropriate healthcare professional.
- The state website has a list of over 200 testing facilities, their location and hours of operation. This list is updated frequently.
- Any person with a positive COVID-19 test shall trigger the established predetermined thresholds for mitigation strategies by following ISDH's recommendation to work with your local health department in following the CDC guidance which can be found here. Reference page 3, "When a confirmed case has entered a school, regardless of community transmission."
- Coaches must track COVID-19 impacted attendance and report to district/school administration.
- Follow specific return to school protocol in reference to participation for student athletes or staff members who no longer test positive and/or no longer display symptoms of COVID-19. See Appendix A, reference Return to School After Exclusion.
- Districts/schools are encouraged to post signs displaying symptoms to educate Students.
  
- Individuals should wash their hands for a minimum of 20 seconds with warm water and soap before touching any surfaces or participating. If this is not possible, hand sanitizer should be plentiful and available to individuals as they transfer from place to place.
- If locker rooms or meeting rooms are used, 50 percent capacity is recommended.  
\*If the restriction to 50 percent capacity at competitive events creates a hardship and impacts the hygiene or safety of students, a 50 percent or greater capacity is allowed.
- Consider scheduling adjustments to reduce the number of events, duration, and/or participants present.
- Gathering sizes should be decreased as much as possible to reduce risk.

Workouts should be conducted in defined, smaller groups of students with the same students always together. Reduce gathering size by half capacity in large areas (weight room, band rooms, wrestling rooms, etc.).

- The goal of social distancing is defined by the CDC. If it is not possible to follow these guidelines indoors or outdoors, then create as much distance as possible. It is recommended that participants and coaches wear face coverings when distancing is limited and the individual is not participating in rigorous activity. Officials should be given the option to wear face coverings. For sidelines, benches, or other holding areas, consider establishing protocol as a guide for students and coaches.
- Hospitality rooms for officials should not include shared food service and should allow space for social distancing. Individual waters and pre-packaged snacks may be made available.
- Consider scheduling adjustments to reduce the number of events, duration and/or participants present.
- Cleaning schedules should be created and implemented for all facilities and equipment to mitigate any communicable diseases. Review the plan and supply inventory to thoroughly clean and disinfect prior to and after usage following CDC, EPA, and OSHA guidelines. The plan should be clear on who cleans and appropriate training and PPE is provided for such.
- Cleaning regarding team or group transportation must be followed. See Appendix E.
- Appropriate clothing/shoes should be worn at all times to minimize transmission.
- No sharing of clothing, shoes, towels, or water bottles.
- Hand sanitizer should be plentiful and available at all times.
- Contact should be limited to only contact necessary to compete as defined by IHSAA. Modified sportsmanship practices should be observed.
- If equipment must be shared, including sports balls, weight room facilities, non-wind instruments, etc., this equipment should be cleaned prior to use and immediately following usage. Responsibility for cleaning should be clear and appropriate training and PPE should be provided.
- Any equipment such as weight benches, athletic pads, etc. having holes with exposed foam should be covered or discarded.
- Students must be expected to shower at school or at home and wash workout clothing immediately upon returning to their home. If a student does not have a laundered uniform, he/she may not be allowed to participate in practice or competition.
- If schools launder student gear or uniforms, PPE must be available for the person in charge of laundering.
- Shared hydration stations (water trough, water fountains, water hose, etc.) should not be utilized except for filling individual, labeled water bottles.

● Pool usage is acceptable. Schools should take necessary steps to promote health and safety both in the water and out by social distancing and using good hygiene.

○ State and local guidelines that may determine when and how recreational water facilities may operate should be followed.

- Competition may begin.
- Spectators, media, and vendors can be present but should implement social distancing and following established mass gathering guidelines.
- Concessions may be sold if food handlers and cashiers use appropriate PPE and only prepared, prepackaged food is available.

### **Daily Procedures**

- Football and Volleyball on Mondays and Wednesdays
- Cross Country and Tennis on Mondays and Wednesdays in PM
- Boys basketball and girls basketball on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- All other sports on Fridays
- Football in AM; Volleyball in PM; Girls Basketball in AM; Boys basketball in PM--specific times to be determined by coaches.
- It is recommended coaches wear a mask at all times during activities.
- Coaches must disinfect all equipment used every day after the conclusion of practice and games.
- The weight room will not be in use during Phase I. Conditioning will be done during team activity time.
- Student athletes will complete a Covid-19 pre-Screening questionnaire before each activity session. This questionnaire will be in google classroom form and is to be completed electronically before arriving too each session.
- Students must complete all questionnaires and waiver forms before participating in activity.
- If a positive test result occurs for the student, coach or other essential personnel, they must go into quarantine for two weeks.
- All activities during phase I and II will be on campus. Teams will not be allowed to leave campus to work out with other schools. Ex: 7 on 7, 11 on 11, scrimmages or team camps.

### **Athletic Transportation**

- Teams riding a bus to off campus activities must have a seating chart and adhere to it the entire season.
- All students must wear a mask during transport to the athletic events and the return trip.
- Students may ride home with parents after the event but are responsible for returning all equipment to the school to be disinfected that evening.
- Parents must sign the student out before leaving the event venue. Only a parent or guardian can sign the student out.

### **Home Event Procedures**

- Fans will be encouraged to practice social distancing procedures and wear masks at athletic events through PA announcements before and during the event.
- Both sides of bleachers will be pulled out at all home events in the gymnasium.
- Ticket Takers will wear PPE at all times during events.
- A full concession stand may be offered at home events. (Per Henry County Health Department)
- All concession workers must wear PPE at all times and change them often.
- One Person will handle all money in the concession stand and must wear a PPE at all times.