



Gwinnett Football League

PHASE ONE-RETURN TO CONDITIONING

Recommendations & Requirements for Coaches/Athletes:

- COACHES/ATHLETES WHO FEEL SICK SHOULD STAY HOME
 - Contact and follow the advice of your medical provider
- Coaches MUST educate parents on what is expected of athletes during phase 1
- Groups of 25, including coaches
- Workouts are conditioning only, no balls or sports equipment
- No team huddles where team is in close proximity or touching each other
- No competitions or interactions between other teams
- No parents or visitors allowed during workouts
- Frequent breaks for athletes should be given until conditioning levels
- There should be no communal or shared water bottles
 - All athletes/coaches will be required to bring their own separate water bottle for workouts
- There should be no shared athletic towels, clothing or shoes between athletes
- Coaches MUST recommend to parents/athletes that all personal items are labeled to avoid touching of other people's things and coaches need to encourage athletes to spread out their belongings during workouts
- There should be no chewing of seeds, gum or spitting on the field
- No team snacks or drinks after workouts.
- Refrain from touching your face
- There must be a minimum distance of 6 feet between each individual at all times
- Coaches and athletes will be educated on proper handwashing techniques
 - See "Handwashing and Hand Sanitizer" document below
- Recommendations will be made for athletes to wash all workout items used that day (clothing, equipment, water bottles, etc.) at home.
 - See attached "Cleaning Flyer for Parents"

Screening:

- All coaches and athletes will be temperature screened prior to start of conditioning
 - All temperature screening must be done with a no contact thermometer such as an Infrared Thermometer by Medsource
- All coaches and athletes (with help of parents) will answer the Covid-19 Screening Questionnaire prior to start of conditioning
- It is recommended that parent/guardian dropping of athlete to practice wear a mask upon arriving to temperature screen and questionnaire station
- Athlete/parent or coach will be told they have screened out and informed they can't remain
- Athlete will sit in a designated isolated area until transportation arrives or instructed to go home by way of parent/guardian



- Athlete/Coach will only be allowed to return: With a note clearing them to participate from a physician
- Any individual with a physician's note to participate, even if screens "Positive" from the questionnaire must be recorded on the appropriate "Positive Screening Log" and returned into your association EACH day.

"Screened out"

- Screened out means that temperature taken is over 100.4 degrees F without a physician's note to participate in conditioning stating they are clear of Covid-19
- Screened out also means that the coach/athlete answered YES to any of the Covid-19 Questionnaire questions without a physician's note to participate in condition stating they are clear of Covid-19. These athletes still need to be recorded on "Positive Screening Log"



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PHASE TWO-MODIFIED PRACTICES

Recommendations & Requirements for Athletes/Coaches:

- Coaches MUST educate parents on what is expected of athletes during each phase
- Coaches MUST recommend to parents/athletes that all personal items are labeled to avoid touching of other people's things and coaches need to encourage athletes to spread out their belongings during practices
- COACHES/ATHLETES WHO FEEL SICK SHOULD STAY HOME
 - Contact and follow the advice of your medical provider.
- Groups of 50, including coaches
- Refrain from touching your face especially after touching the ball or other equipment
- No team huddles where team is in close proximity or touching each other
- Shared athletic equipment can be (footballs) can be introduced but must be cleaned frequently
- There should be no communal or shared water bottles
 - All athletes/coaches will be required to bring their own separate water bottle for workouts
- There should be no shared athletic towels, clothing or shoes between athletes
- No team snacks or drinks after workouts.
- There should be no chewing of seeds, gum or spitting on the field
- There must be a minimum distance of 6 feet between each individual at all times
 - Appropriate social distancing will need to be maintained on sidelines and benches during practices
- Athletes, coaches, officials, event staff, medical staff, security should be the only people in attendance until the state/local health departments lift restrictions
- Continue to practice proper hygiene and handwashing techniques as stated in phase one.
 - Including recommendations to wash all workout items used that day (clothing, equipment, water bottles, etc.) at home
 - See attached "Cleaning Flyer for Parents"

Screening:

- Temperature and Questionnaire Screening will continue as stated in Phase One prior to the start of any events, workouts, practices
- Any individual with a physician's note to participate, even if screens "Positive" from the questionnaire must be recorded on the appropriate "Positive Screening Log" and returned into your association EACH day

PHASE TWO – UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW – SUBJECT TO CHANGE & UPDATES



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PHASE THREE – RETURN TO CONTESTS

Recommendations & Requirements for Coaches/Athletes:

- Coaches MUST educate parents on what is expected of athletes during each phase
- Coaches MUST recommend to parents/athletes that all personal items are labeled to avoid touching of other people's things and coaches need to encourage athletes to spread out their belongings during games/contests
- Gathering sizes of up to 50 individuals, indoors or outdoors
- Continue to refrain from touching your face especially after touching the ball or other equipment
- No team huddles where team is in close proximity or touching each other
- Full practices and competitions may begin
- There should be no shared athletic towels, clothing or shoes between students
- Athletic equipment such as football helmets/other pads should be worn by only one individual and not shared
- No pre-game and post-game handshakes/high-fives/fist bumps
- No team snacks or drinks after workouts or games.
- There should be no chewing of seeds, gum or spitting on the field
- Celebrations of any kind must not contain touching between teammates or coaches: including high fives/helmet taps/chest bumps etc.
- Officials and sideline volunteers should be given option to wear face coverings (may use artificial noisemaker in place of whistle)
- Continue to practice proper hygiene and handwashing techniques as states in phase one.
 - Including recommendations to wash all workout items used that day (clothing, equipment, water bottles, etc.) at home.
 - See attached "Cleaning Flyer for Parents"

Screening:

- Temperature screening is no longer needed at this time
- Any person who has had a fever or cold symptoms in the previous 24 hours should not be allowed to take part in workouts and should contact his or her primary care provider or other appropriate health-care professional

PHASE THREE – UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW – SUBJECT TO CHANGE & UPDATES

**Social distancing during Contests/Events/Activities:**

- Appropriate signage must be displayed at athletic fields and parks that demonstrate the Northside Hospital – Duluth and GFL Parent/Athlete/Coach/Spectator/GFL Employee Questionnaire.
- When not directly participating in practices or contests, athletes should try to maintain a minimum distance of 3 to 6 feet between each individual.
- There should be no team huddles as a team where teammates are touching each other; including touching hands, equipment, helmets etc.
- Appropriate social distancing will need to be maintained on sidelines/bench during contests and events.
- Assuming the state and local health departments lifts mass gatherings, all spectators are welcome but should continue to social distance and practice hand hygiene.
 - It is recommended that family members sit together and practice safe distance in the stands from other families
 - It is recommended that families are spectators arrive just prior to start of game time and leave promptly after the conclusion of the event to avoid over exposure to other individuals.

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Handwashing and Hand Sanitizer Instructions

Soap and Water

- **Wet** your hands with clean running water (warm or cold), turn off the tap, and apply soap
- **Lather** your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails
- **Scrub** your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the “Happy Birthday” song twice
- **Rinse** your hands under clean, running water
- **Dry** your hands using a clean towel or air dry them

Alcohol-based Hand Sanitizer

Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains **at least 60% alcohol**. Supervise young children when they use hand sanitizer to prevent swallowing alcohol, especially in schools and childcare facilities

- **Put** enough sanitizer on your hands to cover all surfaces
- **Rub** your hands together until they feel dry (this should take around 20 seconds)

Do NOT rinse or wipe off the hand sanitizer before it's dry; it may not work well against germs



MASKS

MASK OPTIONS

- There is no need to require or recommend “medical grade” masks for athletic activity.
 - HOWEVER, surgical masks must be discarded after each use. N95 masks can be stored in a paper bag when not being worn and should only be discarded when soiled, moist or damaged.
- Cloth masks are acceptable including the use of a bandana, scarf etc.
- The mask must be secured to the individual such as tied or attached by elastic
- Cloth material that is held over the nose/mouth by a hand is not permitted.

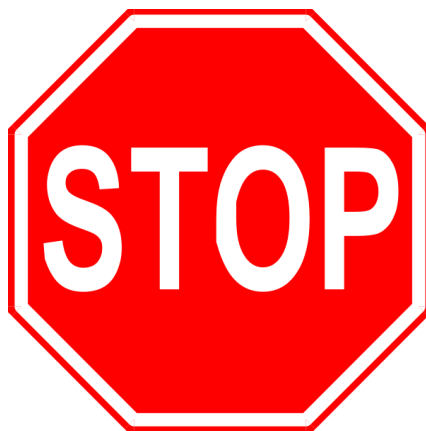
MISC. MASK RECOMMENDATIONS

- Any student who prefers to wear a cloth face covering during a contest should be allowed to do so.
- In the absence of guidelines to the contrary, we recommend that cloth face coverings be worn by students during Phases 1 and 2 as outlined below. Exceptions are swimming, distance running or other high intensity aerobic activity.
- Cloth face coverings may continue to be used during Phase 3 when not engaging in vigorous activity, such as sitting on the bench during contests, in the locker room and in the athletic training room.
- Plastic shields covering the entire face (or attached to a helmet) shall not be allowed during contests. Their use during practices increases the risk of unintended injury to the person wearing the shield or teammates.
- Coaches, officials and other contest personnel may wear cloth face coverings at all times during Phases 1 through 3. (Artificial noisemakers such as an air horn or a timer system with an alarm can be used to signal in place of a traditional whistle.)



POSITIVE SCREENING LOG

Name	Reason for positive screen (record temp if above 100.4)	Physicians note?	Notes
<i>EXAMPLE: John Doe</i>	<i>Said "YES" for Fever in last week</i>	<i>YES - Note from PCP for Strep Throat diagnosis on 06/02/2020. Note states that patient is COVID-19 free.</i>	<i>Finished anti-biotics on 06/09/2020</i>
<i>EXAMPLE: Jane Doe</i>	<i>Temp. read 101 degrees F</i>	<i>No note from PCP</i>	<i>Patient states they are getting over an ear infection. Athlete was instructed to go home for the day until they can provide a physician's note.</i>



GWINNETT FOOTBALL LEAGUE & NORTHSIDE HOSPITAL DULUTH QUESTIONNAIRE

Coaches/Athletes/Parents/GFL Volunteers/Spectators are required answer the questions below before being allowed to work out or enter the athletic field(s). If the answer is yes to any of the questions below, the athlete should not participate in any workout until athlete presents with a physician's:

- **Do you or have you had a fever in the last week?**
- **Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19?**
- **Have you been in contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19?**
- **Have traveled to a "hot spot" for COVID-19?**



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