

**SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ATHLETICS – SPORTS GUIDANCE 2021-2022**

Athletic Directors	Protocol Areas for Consideration
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Stakeholders	Athletic Clearance for Participation
<p>Athletic Department Staff Head Coaches / Assistant Coaches SCPS Student-Athletes</p>	<p>EL2 and Completion of AthleticClearance.com Filing and Approval FHSAA / NFHS Course Completions – Coaches and Athletes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Concussion in Sports ● Sudden Cardiac Arrest ● Heat Illness Prevention ● Policy 36 Compliance – Coaches Only* <p>Home Campus APP – Clearance Review for Tryouts/Attendance</p>

Stakeholders	Practice Organization and COVID Screening
Head Coach Assistant Coach Student-Athlete Band Cheerleading Dance ROTC – National Anthem	<p>Check-In Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All coaches will keep attendance of all athletes at each practice/event. <p>Social Distancing Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Athletes should be encouraged to maintain social distancing (6') where appropriate and accessible. ● All athletes and Coaches should follow the SCPS Masks / Face Coverings guidelines. Mask/ Face Coverings can be removed during physical activity. <p>Parking Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Immediate departure reminders for all participants in programs.

Stakeholders	Athletic Training Room, Preventative Measures and Services
Certified Athletic Trainers – SCPS Student-Athletic Trainers Student-Athletes Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches	<p>Athletic Training Room Guidance and Best Practices Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All athletes and coaches should follow the SCPS Masks / Face Coverings guidelines while in the athletic training facility. ● Adult Athletic Trainers should wear a face covering at all times when treating athletes. ● The host site's athletic training room should not be available for visiting team pregame and postgame treatments. ● If team is not traveling with an Athletic Trainer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be considerate of additional contact that will be required and provided by the host site. ○ Complete all taping/bracing at home if possible. ○ The host site Athletic Trainer should be contacted prior to trip, and a plan should be formulated on space and procedures for completing any taping and abiding by appropriate hand washing/sanitation activities upon entry and exit

and any time they have come in contact with something possibly contaminated.

- Limit the number of occupants in the athletic training room at any given time to those on the same team and maintain appropriate physical distancing and facial covering. This will be dependent upon the size of the athletic training room and determined by appropriate staff. Room capacity should be posted outside the room, monitored and limits enforced.
- If treatment or rehabilitation of a student-athlete requires use of a taping table or an exam table, the table should be protected and be disinfected after each time it is used, regardless of physical barrier used.
- Treatment/taping tables should be appropriately distanced a minimum of six feet apart whenever possible.
- Consider, weather permitting, taping be performed in an outside environment.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least daily (more frequently is recommended) and shared objects between each use. Efforts should be made to utilize premade ice bags that can be picked up individualized by the student-athletes that need them to avoid multiple contacts with the ice machine and ice scooper. Bags should be left in an open cooler, if possible, to avoid lid/handle contamination.
- The use of cold or hot tubs should be limited to one individual at a time.
- Cold and hot tubs should be drained, cleansed and disinfected between individual use and at the beginning and end of every day.
- Potential COVID-19 Positive cases should be reported to the COVID manager on your campus and district policy should be followed.
- Sideline evaluations should be kept to a minimum and when it occurs proper PPE should be used. Care should be taken to minimize the number of individuals coming into close contact during the evaluation.
- Hand sanitizer should be readily available in the training room for occupants to use both on entering and exiting.

Stakeholders	Game Day Management of Events – The Athletic Contest
<p>Administrative Team Event Management / Tickets Press Box, Media, Coaching Staff Home Team Visiting Team Officials Crews Athletic Training Staff Members Bus Travel</p>	<p>Administrative Responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Secure Area Entrance and Exit ● Monitor Social Distancing Adherence to Guidelines ● Prepare gameday scripts for the Public Address Announcer to state the SCPS procedures and recommendations for facial coverings/masks. <p>Ticket Staff and Pass Gate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gates Open – 60 Minutes prior to start for football, 45 Minutes all other sports. ● Gate 1 – Electronic Ticketing – Center Entry ● Gate 2 – Tickets (pre-paid) Collection – Right Entry ● Gate 3 – Pass Gate – Left Entry <p>Ticketing Options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GoFan Platform – utilize QR code kiosks on entry walkways for spectators. ● School Coordination between Athletic Directors for Home/Away balance of allocated tickets (indoor events as needed). ● Set capacity management per SCPS guidelines as designated by the host school. <p>The Press Box Layout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inside: Announcer, Spotter, Official, Broadcast/Streaming – 4 Total ● Outside: Home Coaches (2), Visiting Coaches (2), Video/Filming (2) ● Masks / Face coverings are recommended for all individuals. ● The Public Address Announcer will provide continuous reminders for social distancing and recommended mask/facial covering. <p>Designated Entrance Areas – Spectators, Teams, Ancillary Groups, Officials, Media Designated Inclement Weather Areas – Home Team, Visiting Team, Ancillary Groups Visiting Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roster should be maintained of all athletes/coaches and sideline personnel by the visiting school.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locker room facility access should be limited and only used as needed. <p>SCPS Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seating Charts Required All athletes and Coaches should follow the SCPS Masks / Face Coverings guidelines while utilizing SCPS Transportation. <p>Officials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designated entrance and staging area for the crew. Designated area or facility for Pre-Game, Halftime, and Post Game. Verify crew names for changes in the Arbiter Officials Scheduling Platform.
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Stakeholders	Venues – Crowds and Spectator Guidelines – PSA Sample
General Public Student Body Announcer	<p>Welcome to tonight’s/today’s contest between the visiting _____ and your _____.</p> <p>As you enjoy the contest, please be aware of the following protocols for your safety and the safety of those around you. _____ High School strongly encourages all spectators – wear a mask or face covering at all times while maintaining social distancing in appropriate areas of the venue.</p> <p>Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the facility for your convenience.</p> <p>Athletic administrators and officials reserve the right to suspend play until adherence to the safety protocols of the facility. Thank you for your assistance! Let them Play!!</p>

Stakeholders	Venues – Crowds and Spectator Guidelines
General Public Student Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities will display wellness information on the grounds, as well as broadcast wellness and social distancing reminders during the contest for spectators.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Masks / Face coverings are strongly encouraged to be worn at all times inside the facility. ● All spectators are encouraged to utilize the seating availability in the stands to maintain the recommended 6ft social distancing. ● Athletic Administrators and/or the Officials reserve the right to suspend play until adherence to safety protocols and guidance.
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Stakeholders	Venues – Facility Safety Precautions
Facility Support Staff Custodial Staff Administrative Staff	<p>Hand Sanitizing Stations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ticket Areas – Prior to Entry Area, immediately inside of Entry Area ● Restrooms – Outside of Restrooms ● Concession Stand – Common Area ● Home Sideline, Away Sideline, Ancillary Group Areas <p>Social Distancing Signage – Masks / Face Coverings, Distancing, Occupancy</p> <p>Restrooms – Capacity Signage and Hand Sanitizing Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Custodians will maintain restrooms and use district protocols for sanitation. <p>Common Areas of Facilities – Social Distancing Signage and Hand Sanitizing Areas</p> <p>Security and EMS Support – coverage verification at the beginning of each week.</p>

Stakeholders	COVID Response and Return to Play Sequence
Student-Athletes Head Coaches / Assistant Coaches Officials Crews Administrative Teams Game Day Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Individuals testing positive for COVID-19 should follow local guidelines from the Seminole County Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control. ● ● Student-Athletes testing positive for COVID-19 are required to follow the following prior to return: ● Evaluation by PCP, Healthcare Provider or be released by their Primary Care Physician ● Follow a scripted gradual acclimatization period back to sports participation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The official SCPS <i>Return to Play</i> document MUST be received by the school and signed off by the ATC prior to participation. <p>Exposure guidance should reflect current trends from local health departments and the CDC. At present, this guidance is defined as 15 minutes within 6’ with or without face coverings for the individuals in a cumulative time period. For example: 1 – 15 minute period, 2 – 7:30 periods, 3 – 5 minute periods, etc.</p>
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Stakeholders	Venues – Concessions and Merchandise Kiosks
General Public Student Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Signage for Social Distancing Reminders ● Concession Staff / Servers are strongly encouraged to wear mask / face coverings. ● Gloves MUST be worn at all times while serving in the concession stand. ● Price points should be considered in order to reduce the usage of coins for change if cashless is not an option. ● Use of pre-purchased packages of items when possible. ● Pre-Packaged items only for sale at concessions stands – Drinks, Candy, Etc. ● Outside vendors as sole source of concession sales and items – Food Truck.

Stakeholders	Sport Specific Recommendations
All Sports	All teams should follow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● FHSAA Guidance on Considerations for Safe Participation ● SCPS Health and Safety Guidance ● SCPS Reopening Plan 2021-2022