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Proposal to Return to In-Person Activity

Submitted by:	Rodney Thomas	Date:	9/8/20
Title:	Athletics and Activities Director	School:	DHS
Brief title this proposal can be referred to as (try to keep to 5 words or less):			
DHS Varsity Softball Return to Play			
Brief description of what is being proposed (try to keep to under 5 sentences):			
The DHS varsity softball team should resume in person practices in early September in order to prepare for future games in October.			
When do you propose beginning this activity in person, why do you propose that date, and what will the impact be if in-person activity is delayed until after that date?			
Would like to return to play on or before September 17th. This date gives our athletes a chance to properly prepare for the softball season. September 17th would give our athletes approximately 2 weeks to prepare, which would be the minimum necessary. The athletes will have to regain fitness and hone their softball skills. GHSA has allowed our region to reschedule region matches to October in order to afford teams the opportunity to compete. If we do not return to practice on this date, our coaches will not have adequate time to prepare the athletes for the season. Injuries often occur when athletes are ill prepared. It will be unsafe for our athletes to compete if they do not return to practice at this time.			
Describe the population of people who will be returning to in-person activities (students, staff, age levels, grades, programs, teams, etc.):		Approximately how many people in each of those groups will be impacted by this proposal (students, staff, volunteers, etc.):	
Female students grades 9-12. Varsity softball will have 3 coaches.		22 players, 2 staff members, 1 lay coach	

<p>Describe the <u>benefits</u> of returning to in-person for this activity and the <u>risks</u> of <u>NOT</u> returning to in-person:</p>	<p>Describe the <u>risks</u> of returning to in-person for this activity and the <u>benefits</u> of <u>NOT</u> returning to in-person:</p>
<p>The main benefit of returning to in person activity is the social-emotional well being of the student. Most of these student-athletes have played this sport since an early age. They have waited years to compete at the high school level. Some have aspirations of earning a scholarship. Also, participation in extracurriculars has a positive effect on student perceptions of school in general and classroom performance.</p>	<p>The risk is that if students and coaches are not diligent in trying to mitigate the COVID virus, then someone may contract the virus. The only benefit is that you will not catch the COVID virus during softball practice. However, this will not ensure that our students will not contract the virus by other means.</p>

Describe in detail the protocols, equipment, and other actions that will be implemented to protect the health and safety of the persons involved in this activity:

DHS Softball Conditioning/Practice Protocol
Fall 2020

Decatur High School Softball will follow the safety guidelines provided by Georgia High School Association (GHSA) and CSD policy. The guidelines are as follows:

- Coaches and athletes will have their temperature taken prior to each workout, and sanitize from the elbow down before entering the field. Anyone with a temperature above 100.0 fahrenheit will not be permitted to enter or use facilities. Coaches will administer all temperature checks.
- Athletes will have to complete a short questionnaire related to their health each day (screening). Coaches will keep the forms on file.
- Athletes must bring their own water and water bottles. Students must not share water bottles or use water fountains.
- Students will report to the facility dressed to condition.
- The coaches will spray the dugouts and all equipment with a disinfectant before and after practice, as well as during any breaks. (Disinfectant and Sprayer will be housed at Oakhurst Park).
- Hand Sanitizer will be plentiful and readily available.

- Social distancing will be adhered to during breaks in practice and when players are not engaged in activities that require close proximity (batting, running bases, etc.). Athletes will have individually designated areas for breaks and water.
- Students will wear masks when not participating in activities during which breathing is severely stressed (i.e. continuous sprints). During continuous sprints, the activity will occur in groups of 5 with the players spaced out even more. Coaches and trainers must wear masks at all times.
- Parents and visitors will NOT be allowed at the training sessions.
- Families must communicate with coaches if a student-athlete is not feeling well.

Coaches and students will enter the field via the gate nearest the visitors dugout. Athletes will line up 6ft apart to have their temperatures checked by the coaches. After which, they will complete the wellness questionnaire and daily checklist.

All athletes must have an updated profile on DragonFly with a current physical form and medical information in order to participate.

Describe in detail how the above protocols, equipment, and other actions will be monitored to ensure compliance and fidelity of implementation, including who will be responsible for each aspect of monitoring:

The three softball coaches will conduct daily temperature checks as well as monitor the completion of the health screening documentation. The coaches will also handle the daily spraying of the dugouts and other equipment before, during and after practices. The coaches will also make sure that equipment (bats, gloves, etc.) is not shared. The Athletic and Activities Director or the Assistant Athletic Director will check in on each practice to make sure all protocols are being properly implemented and to help out with anything if necessary. It will be equally important for the coaches to constantly remind the softball players about the responsibility they have when they leave the practice field. They must practice COVID safety at all times or risk bringing the virus to their team, their coaches or to their families.

Will this activity be voluntary, compulsory, or socially compulsory? If the answers vary by participant (such as students vs. staff), answer separately for each category of people.

What will happen for those normally involved in this activity if they choose not to participate when it returns to in-person? (Answer separately for each category of people if applicable.)

Voluntary

They will be free to participate in travel or

club softball. They may also return to the team once they feel safe without any repercussions.

Describe in detail any interactions this activity will have with others (such as other teams/clubs within the district, other teams/clubs outside the district, etc.), the risks such interactions would introduce, and how those risks will be mitigated.

There will be no contact with anyone else outside of the team and coaches during practices/conditioning.

What other information, not already provided above, needs to be shared with the team evaluating this proposal?

Every head coach and Athletic And Activities Department staff member has been required to complete the NFHS class "COVID-19 For Coaches and Administration."

We have an on site trainer who attends practice and is present at games. Our trainer also helps mitigate the virus by maintaining sanitary spaces and equipment, while constantly reminding the players and the coaches of the protocols in place.

Listed Below is the Daily Questionnaire to be answered by all players:

Daily Workout Questionnaire

Print Name: _____

Please answer yes or no

Now, or within the past 72 hours...

Have you had a fever of 100F? What is your Temperature today?

Have you had close contact (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) in the last 14 days with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, or has any health department or health care provider been in contact with you and advised you to quarantine?

o Yes > The person should not be at practice/school. The person can return 14 days after the last time they had close contact with someone with COVID-19, or as listed below.

o No > The person can be at school if they are not experiencing symptoms.

Since you were last at school, have you had any of these symptoms?

o Fever or chills

o New cough

o Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

o Fatigue o New loss of taste or smell

o Sore throat

o Muscle or body aches (outside of exercise fatigue)

o Congestion or runny nose

o Headache

o Nausea or vomiting

o Diarrhea

o Yes > The person should not be at practice/school and they should go home, stay away from other people, and call their health care provider.

Since you were last at school, have you been diagnosed with COVID-19?

o Yes The person should not be at practice/school and they should go home, stay away from other people until they've met CSD/DPH criteria

Each individual will be asked the above questions. Any person who answers “yes” to any question will not be permitted to enter or condition. Furthermore, Coaches should alert the Athletic and Activities Director and he will consult the Wilson Center as to next steps.

Proposal Review

Reviewed by CSD COVID Response Team: K. Beam, C. Burnett, D. Dude, M. Fehrman, L. Huddleston, E. Melton, S. Moore, S. Perez, R. Thomas	Status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	Date: 9/13/2020
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