

Proposal to Return to In-Person Activity

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Title:	Athletics an Activities Director	School:	DHS
Brief title this proposal can be referred to as (try to keep to 5 words or less):			
Varsity Softball participation in GHSA events			
Brief description of what is being proposed (try to keep to under 5 sentences):			
Proposing that the Varsity Softball team be allowed to compete in GHSA softball games.			
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?			
The Varsity Softball team will play five games (3 home games). These 5 games will determine the seedings for the region tournament. If the team finishes in the top four in the region tournament they will qualify for the State playoffs. The first five games will be played on the following dates: Oct. 1, Oct. 3, Oct. 6, Oct. 8 and Oct. 10 (Home games on 10/3, 10/6 and 10/10)			
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 student athletes grades 9-12. Coaches		22 student athletes 2 Coaches (staff members) 1 Lay Coach	
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:		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:	
The main benefit of participating in GHSA softball events is the socio-emotional well being of the student athlete. Most of these student athletes have played this sport since an early age. They have waited years to compete on the high school level. Some have aspirations of earning a scholarship. In addition, participation in extracurriculars has a		The risk is that if students and coaches are not diligent in trying to mitigate the COVID virus, then someone may contract COVID-19. The only benefit is that you will not contract the virus while a member of theDHS softball team. However, this will not ensure that our student athletes will never contract COVID-19 by other means.	

positive effect on student perceptions of school in general and classroom performance.	
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:	
<p>Temperatures will be checked on game day. Anyone with a temp above 100F will be sent home. No sharing of equipment. Students athletes and coaches will have masks on at all times. Social distancing will be practiced (Limited space in the dugouts. We will use spaces outside the dugouts and behind the safety fences). Hand Sanitizer will be available in the dugouts. No fans allowed at home games.</p>	
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:	
Coaches will monitor all aspects of the program. The Athletic and Activities Director and his Assistant will also be in attendance at home and away games.	
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	If student athletes do not feel comfortable playing in games, they will still be allowed to practice.
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 limited interactions between the teams. We will not shake hands before or after games. While on the field, masks will be worn. Our team will be removed from the field if the coaches or officials from our Athletic and Activities Department deem the conditions unsafe.	
What other information, not already provided above, needs to be shared with the team evaluating this proposal?	
For away games, transportation has stated only 10 people per bus. We will travel with the windows down and maintain 6ft apart social distancing while on the bus. Students will wear masks when riding the bus.	

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: 2020-10-01
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