

# Proposal to Return to In-Person Activity

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<b>Brief title this proposal can be referred to as (try to keep to 5 words or less):</b>			
DHS Cross Country return to GHSA events.			
<b>Brief description of what is being proposed (try to keep to under 5 sentences):</b>			
Proposal to allow the DHS Cross Country team the opportunity to participate in GHSA events.			
<b>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?</b>			
The DHS Cross Country team has 7 GHSA meets to compete in. They are dated Oct. 3, Oct. 6, Oct.10, Oct. 13, Oct. 24 and the State Championship on Nov. 7th			
<b>Describe the population of people who will be returning to in-person activities (students, staff, age levels, grades, programs, teams, etc.):</b>		<b>Approximately how many people in each of those groups will be impacted by this proposal (students, staff, volunteers, etc.):</b>	
Students in grades 9-12 participating in JV and Varsity Cross Country. Coaches and Volunteers		50 students 4 Coaches 2 Volunteers	
<b>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:</b>		<b>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:</b>	
The DHS Cross Country program is one of the State's premier programs. Our student athletes who participate in cross country understand the level of excellence required to participate in this sport. They have worked hard all summer to prepare to participate in the Fall. These students make sacrifices and dedicate themselves to being the best athletes they can be. They have trained and conditioned without the presence of their coaches because they understand what it		The risk of returning to play is that our student athletes might be exposed to COVID-19. The benefit of not returning is that they will not be exposed as members of the DHS Cross Country team.	

<p>takes to be successful. Most importantly, our boys CC team are defending State champions. They should be given the opportunity to defend their title.</p>	
<p><b>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:</b></p>	
<p>Whereas the cross country team consists of 50 students only 20-25 will be allowed to compete at a meet. The Cross Country team has a staging area assigned to them at meets. The students will practice social distancing while in these staging areas. The students will also be required to wear masks while not running. Hand sanitizer will also be readily available. The student athletes will not be allowed to share clothing or equipment. GHSA will also experiment with staggered starts in order to limit the number of runners on the course at one time. For home meets, the City is deciding whether or not to allow fans. If the City does allow fans their numbers will be greatly reduced. For away meets, the transportation department will allow 10 people per bus. Student athletes will wear masks while riding buses. For some meets the parents will transport their children to and from.</p>	
<p><b>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:</b></p>	
<p>Coaches will monitor all aspects of the meets. The coaches will take the temperature of every athlete before the meet. If the athlete has a temp of 100F or above, he or she will be sent home. In addition, the Athletic and Activities Director and/or his assistant will also be in attendance. If a meet is deemed unsafe for our student athletes the team will be pulled from the activity.</p>	
<p><b>Will this activity be voluntary, compulsory, or socially compulsory?</b> If the answers vary by participant (such as students vs. staff), answer separately for each category of people.</p>	<p><b>What will happen for those normally involved in this activity if they choose not to participate when it returns to in-person?</b> (Answer separately for each category of people if applicable.)</p>
<p>Voluntary</p>	<p>If a student athlete chooses not to participate in a meet they will still be allowed to practice with the team.</p>
<p><b>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.</b></p>	
<p>The teams have separate staging areas at meets. In addition, there will be staggered start times in order to limit the number of runners on the course at a time. Our athletes will not be allowed to interact with any other team. Social distancing will be observed at all times.</p>	

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

The team will travel to away meets on buses. 10 people per bus. Will travel with the windows down weather permitting. Will maintain 6ft social distancing while on the bus.

**Proposal Review**

**Reviewed by CSD COVID Response Team:**

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**Status:**

Approved  
 Denied

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