

Proposal to Return to In-Person Activity

Submitted by:	Rodney Thomas	Date:	10/27/20
Title:	Revised Proposal to Begin Varsity Swim Practice	School:	DHS
Brief title this proposal can be referred to as (try to keep to 5 words or less):			
Varsity Swim Practice Proposal			
Brief description of what is being proposed (try to keep to under 5 sentences):			
We are proposing to begin Varsity Swim practice at Agnes Scott.			
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?			
We would like to start conditioning on November 2nd. This would take place on the DHS campus and consist of running and physical training. The team would start swimming at Agnes Scott on November 11th.			
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.):	
Students grades 9-12 Coaches		Students: 20-30 Coaches: 2 Certified Staff	
Describe the <u>benefits</u> of returning to in-person for this activity and the <u>risks</u> of NOT returning to in-person:		Describe the <u>risks</u> of returning to in-person for this activity and the <u>benefits</u> of NOT returning to in-person:	
Resuming winter extracurricular activities will help the social and emotional well being of our student-athletes. So much has been taken from these students. The resumption of these activities will give them a healthier attitude about school, connect students with additional supporting adult role models, and improve academic performance. The risks of not returning include a negative mindset towards school and the students feeling not		The risk of returning is the possible spread of the virus among the team. The benefit of not returning is that our swimming team would not have contracted the virus while playing for DHS. However, there is no guarantee our students, the coaching staff or our swimming families will not contract the virus outside of the program. All we can do is mitigate this virus to the best of our abilities.	

valued or appreciated since they will be watching others proceed in their activities while they sit in the wings. This is a huge burden for our kids to bear.

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:

Building Use Guidelines Woodruff Athletic Center

Please be sure all patrons you invite to the facility within the scope of your rental are aware of the guidelines.

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General Guidelines

ASC officials observe the right to ask any person to leave the premises if they are exhibiting symptoms, do not have a clear health screening, or are not following facility use guidelines. The following general

guidelines apply to all patrons using ASC athletic facilities:

- Everyone entering the facility must enter through the main doors and will get their temperature checked using the temperature kiosk and take a health questionnaire. Anyone with a temperature 100.0°F or 34°C will not be permitted to enter or use facilities.
- Masks must be worn at all times by anyone not actively engaged in aerobic activities.
- All patrons must wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.
- All patrons who enter the building are subject to additional screening.
- Patrons who feel sick, exhibiting COVID-like symptoms, or have been around persons who may have been exposed should stay home and refrain from entering the building.
- The building rental times listed in your contract are strictly enforced, including all set-up and breakdown. Extensions and accommodation outside of the scope of the agreement require advanced approval and will be subject to additional charges. Date changes will require a signed addendum.
- Building monitors are on duty for your convenience should any problems arise during your rental.

Any additional accommodations must be directed to Jacques Wells, Assistant Athletic Director for Facilities and Camps

Check-in Procedures and other Additional Guidelines

- All patrons will arrive and enter through the front door to:
 - 1. Use hand sanitizer
 - 2. Get a temperature check using the temperature detecting kiosk
 - 3. Complete a health questionnaire administered by an organizational representative.
- Check in forms for outdoor venues should be turned in to the building staff certifying all persons have been properly screened.
- The gym will be limited to 10 persons at a time unless there has been approval for more participants.
 - All children under 10 years old must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to assist with

sign-

in. If the parent or guardian is staying in the building they must sign themselves in as well.

- Restrooms are available on the main level (2nd floor). Use of the showers and locker room area is

prohibited. All other areas of the Woodruff building are restricted.

- Patrons and organization representatives are responsible for keeping area clean and sanitized during use. No one will be allowed to enter the space until sanitization protocols have been performed. ASC cleans the pool area after every session.

- An organizational representative must ensure all patrons have left the venue at the conclusion of their rental time and notify the building staff before leaving.

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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 swim coaches will conduct daily temperature checks as well as monitor the completion of the paperwork. During practice the coaches will make sure social distancing is being observed. The team will also practice in small groups whenever possible. 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 students about the responsibility they have when they leave the pool. 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 may return whenever they feel comfortable.

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.

Agnes Scott has agreed to rent their pool to us on Wednesdays from 7:30am-9:30am. The team would be in the pool alone at this time. There would be no interactions with another teams or groups.

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

The Swim Team will condition outside of the pool on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at Decatur High School (outdoors weather permitting). This will involve 20-25 students divided in two groups. Students will wear masks when not doing continuous running. Agnes Scott has agreed to rent their pool to us on Wednesdays 7:30am-9:30am. The team will start using their pool on November 11th and will end on February 3rd. There will be a lifeguard on duty at every practice. The locker rooms will not be used but a changing area is available. This changing area can be occupied by no more than 5 students at a time. The pool area is cleaned daily and after every session. The pool is chlorinated which kills all bacteria.

Listed below is the Daily Questionnaire recommended by Dr. Huddleston and Shonda Moore that we were using over the Summer. The coaches will use the infrared thermometers to acquire the player's temperature. The player will record his/her daily temp on the questionnaire. Coaches will monitor the completion of the questionnaire. In addition, the Athletic and Activities Department has presented a COVID-19 Waiver to our attorney for review. This waiver could be required of all persons willing to participate in Extracurricular activities.

We have an on site trainer who attends practices and 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.

Finally, every Athletic and Activities Department staff member as well as every head coach has been required to take the NFHS course "COVID-19 For Coaches and Administration". This is a free online course from the National Federation of High Schools.

Daily Workout Questionnaire

Print Name: _____

Please answer yes or no

Now, or within the past 72 hours...

Do you have a fever of 100F? What is your Temperature today?

Have a cough?

Have a sore throat?

Have any muscle aches?

Have any difficulty breathing?

In the last 14 days, have you or anyone in your household:

Had a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19?

Been tested positive, been advised to be tested or is awaiting test results for COVID-19?

Self-isolated or been directed to quarantine due to COVID-19?

Traveled to a restricted area?

Each individual will be asked the above questions. Any person who answers “yes” to any question will not be permitted to enter or condition.

Proposal Review

Reviewed by CSD COVID Response Team:

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Status:

Approved

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