

Purdue Polytechnic High School Extracurricular and Sports COVID-19 Response Plan



PURDUE POLYTECHNIC HIGH SCHOOL COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE PLAN FOR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

At Purdue Polytechnic High School (PPHS), we understand that maintaining the health and safety of our school community is of the utmost importance. In these unprecedented times, as we face the global COVID-19 pandemic, we at PPHS want to ensure that parents/guardians, students, staff, coaches, and community members understand that PPHS officials, staff, and coaches are taking every precaution necessary to ensure the health and safety of its students, staff, and the community-at-large. We commit to doing this while preserving the richest and most rigorous student experience that families have come to expect from PPHS and that is consistent with our philosophies.

PURPOSE

In July 2020, PPHS released its [Safe Reopening Plan](#) honoring our commitment to provide safe equitable education to all students and outlining PPHS's policies and procedures for keeping the school community safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our commitment to maintaining the health and safety of our school community extends beyond the classroom and encompasses all extracurricular activities, including sports and other competitive activities, such as Robotics competitions. This COVID-19 Pandemic Response Plan for Extracurricular Activities is meant to accompany the Safe School Reopening Plan and outline the specific policies set forth and procedures developed so that students may safely participate in extracurricular activities, including sports and Robotics competitions.

COMPLIANCE

PPHS will remain compliant with [IHSAA](#) and other state and local guidelines as they relate to participation in sports or other competitive activities. As encouraged by IHSAA, PPHS may implement additional measures, as is deemed necessary and appropriate, to uphold the best interests of the health and well-being of our student-athletes, staff, and coaches. This policy will continue to be updated with new information as conditions change during the COVID-19 pandemic and as IHSAA and other state and local guidelines change or become available.

STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Participation in extracurricular activities is voluntary and students and their families will need to evaluate the risks versus the benefits of participation in athletics and other extracurricular activities, particularly during a pandemic. All students, staff members, and coaches participating in extracurricular activities are required to comply fully with this policy as well as all other school policies. Failure or refusal to comply with this or any school policy may result in a student, staff member, or coach's eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.

Students may only participate in extracurricular activities on days in which they are either physically or virtually in attendance at school and they are not exhibiting any illness or any symptom(s) of COVID-19 that is not otherwise explained (as described in the section below).

STUDENTS and STAFF EXPERIENCING ILLNESS

As part of PPHS's Safe Reopening Plan, all students, staff, and coaches are asked to take their temperature at home before coming to school every morning. A thermometer was provided to students by PPHS. A fever is considered to be 100.4 or higher. Any student presenting a fever will be required to stay home. As a reminder, a parent/guardian must report to school that the student is absent using the appropriate procedures outlined in the Safe Reopening Plan and PPHS Student Handbook.

Any student, staff member, or coach will not be allowed to attend school in-person or participate in any in-person extracurricular activity, including practices, if they either test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit one or more of the symptoms of COVID-19 based on [CDC guidance](#) that is not otherwise explained, including:

- A fever of 100.4°F or greater
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

FACE MASKS

Per the governor's mask order, face masks are required to be worn by all individuals who are not engaged in strenuous physical activity. This includes all student-athletes who are not actively participating in a sports contest (e.g., students and coaches sitting on a bench or sitting/standing on the sidelines), coaches, and all spectators.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

All individuals participating in extracurricular activities should make every reasonable effort to maintain a minimum of six (6) feet of distance from others, unless necessary for the purpose of the activity. Student-athletes should avoid high-fives and other forms of physical contact.

SPECTATORS AT EVENTS

In accordance with [IHSAA guidelines](#), allowing spectators at sporting events is at the discretion of the host school. When PPHS acts as the host school, spectator will be allowed at events on a limited basis and under the following conditions:

- The venue is at no more than 50% capacity with a maximum of 250 people, regardless of the venue's bleacher capacity.
- Family units may sit together but must maintain a minimum of six (6) feet of social distancing from all individuals outside of their family unit.
- All guidance from local health officials must be observed.

The athletic director at each school campus will verify the number of spectators available at each venue prior to each event. During events at which PPHS is not the host school, spectators will only be allowed at events at the discretion of the host school.

TICKET SALES

The process for purchase tickets will be established by each school site and communicated to students and their families. When possible, the school may require ticket sales in advance of the event to ensure that venue capacities are not exceeded and to minimize the exchange of cash monies.

CONCESSIONS

Concessions will be sold at sporting events, only at the discretion of the host school. When PPHS acts as the host school, all items sold will be pre-packaged prior to sale. PPHS will mark spaces a minimum of six (6) feet apart to ensure that social distancing is observed while waiting in line for concessions and to avoid people congregating.

TRANSPORTATION

In the event of travel for team sports or other extracurricular activities, PPHS will do our best to maintain social distancing while using PPHS transportation. Only students participating in the extracurricular activity requiring travel and essential staff members or coaches will be allowed to ride PPHS buses and all passengers will be required to wear face masks while on PPHS buses. PPHS buses will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized after each trip.

ROBOTICS-SPECIFIC PROCEDURES

To be announced.

SPORT-SPECIFIC PROCEDURES

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guidelines and procedures will continue to be updated with new information as conditions change during the COVID-19 pandemic and as IHSAA and other state and local guidelines change or become available.

Baseball

To be announced.

Basketball

To be announced.

Cheerleading

To be announced.

Cross Country

PPHS will follow all cross country practice and competition rules, including rule modifications allowed by the NFHS Track and Field Rules Committee. PPHS student-athletes and coaches will also be expected to follow all [2020-21 Cross Country Considerations](#) provided by IHSAA and all policies and procedures outlined in the PPHS [Safe Reopening Plan](#) as well as this document.

Football

PPHS will follow all football practice and competition rules, including rule modifications allowed by the NFHS Football Editorial Committee. PPHS student-athletes and coaches will be expected to follow all [2020 Football Rules Considerations](#) provided by IHSAA and all policies and procedures outlined in the PPHS [Safe Reopening Plan](#) as well as this document.

Soccer

PPHS will follow all soccer practice and competition rules, including rule modifications allowed by the NFHS Soccer Rules Committee. PPHS student-athletes and coaches will be expected to follow all [2020-21 Soccer Rules Considerations](#) provided by IHSAA and all policies and procedures outlined in the PPHS [Safe Reopening Plan](#) as well as this document.

Track and Field

To be announced.

Volleyball

PPHS will follow all volleyball practice and competition rules, including rule modifications allowed by the NFHS Volleyball Rules Committee. PPHS student-athletes and coaches will be expected to follow all [2020-21 Volleyball Rules Considerations](#) provided by IHSAA and all policies and procedures outlined in the PPHS [Safe Reopening Plan](#) as well as this document.

Wrestling

To be announced.

DOCUMENT REVISION HISTORY

This document was released on September 1, 2020. PPHS reserves the right and authority to make changes to its [Safe Reopening Plan](#) and this COVID-19 Response Plan for Extracurricular Activities in order to maintain the health and safety of the school community. Any changes of significance made after September 1, 2020 are noted in the table below.

Revision Summary	Page Number(s)	Date