



## *Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association*

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### **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 27, 2021  
**TO:** TSSAA/TMSAA Member Schools  
**FROM:** Bernard Childress, Executive Director  
**RE:** TSSAA/TMSAA Fall Sports Guidelines

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As we approach the start of a new school year and Fall sports season, it is vitally important for all of our member schools to be aware of the updated TSSAA/TMSAA COVID-19 GUIDELINES. Please make sure that every individual in your athletic family is educated on the protocols listed below:

- In the absence of policy at the school or school district level, TSSAA encourages member schools to follow [recommendations for face coverings and social distancing from the Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#).
- In the absence of policy at the school or school district level, students who have been in close contact with a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 should follow [recommendations for quarantine from the Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#).
- All students who have tested positive for COVID-19 must receive [clearance from a medical provider](#) prior to resuming activities with his/her team. If a student tests positive for COVID-19 and subsequently receives his/her pre-participation physical and is cleared to play, no additional clearance is required. All coaches and students who are confirmed or suspected positive for COVID-19 should follow [recommendations for release from isolation from the CDC](#) when considering a return to practice or activities.

It is our hope that these new guidelines will give the administration of every member school the knowledge you need to make informed decisions concerning each of your athletic programs as we continue to battle this coronavirus. Please keep in mind that we cannot let our guard down.

Thank you for all that you are doing to minimize risk and keep our student-athletes competing in an environment that is safe as possible.

If you have any questions concerning this, please feel free to contact our office.

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