



NORTH PANOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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COVID-19 Athletes/Coaches/Spectators Guidelines

Capacity requirements (Spectators)

Based on guidelines by the Governor of Mississippi. In order for the North Panola Athletic Department to meet those requirements, the following guidelines have been developed:

- Games (played indoors or outdoors) will have the total number of players, coaches, referees, umpires, etc. as needed to hold the game.
- Each player will be allotted two tickets.
- Names for each player's guest must be submitted well in advance (72 hours)
- Tickets can be purchased the day before the competition at the main office
- There will be no walk up ticket purchases
- State Passes will only be honored for the visiting Superintendent(s), Principal, Assistant Principal, and Athletic Director
- Press box will only have clock operator and announcer (Social Distancing)
- Film Crew for the home team only will be allowed on top of the press box (Social Distancing)
- Ticket sales for the visiting team will be as follows:
 - The visiting team will submit a list of administrators, players, and cheerleaders.
 - Visiting bands at this time will not be allowed to enter the game and will be considered only if capacity is not reached.
 - Visiting teams shall submit the names of the guests of players and cheerleaders the week prior to the event.
 - The visiting school can either purchase tickets for their fans by writing a check to the North Panola High School or
 - The visiting team can sell tickets issued by North Panola High School and return tickets and monies with proper documentation of ticket sale upon arrival to the game. The visiting game administrator will meet with the Athletic Director of North Panola to conduct these procedures.
- Fans are expected to wear a cloth type mask and/or face shield at all times while on school properties. (Signage will be posted throughout the facilities)
 - The bottom row of the bleachers will be taped off because of the traffic that will pass through.
 - A standard seat in a stadium is 18 inches. Family members from the same household are encouraged to sit together and practice social distancing from other families.
- There will be no loitering at the conclusion of games or gathering on the playing field, court, or in front of the fieldhouse or gymnasium.
 - If picking up a player, please wait in your vehicle.

Players/Cheer/Band Safety Protocols

Based on the guidelines of the NFHSS, Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA), and the Governor of Mississippi, the following criteria will be enforced at ALL North Panola Activities:

- Adhering to all social distancing requirements
 - If possible, maintain six (6) feet between participants when they are not playing (on bench, in the dugout, on sideline, etc.) Athletes may spread out to the 10 yard line to assist in safe distancing.
 - Face coverings are strongly encouraged, but not required, when participating as an athlete in a indoor or outdoor organized sport
 - Health checks and screening of participants and staff/volunteers will be conducted on a daily basis as prescribed in the return to play guidelines.
- Cheerleaders will be positioned in the South Endzone and properly distanced to ensure safety.
- Visiting cheerleaders will be positioned on the outside of the fence on the north side of visitor's bleachers to ensure proper social distancing.
- The band will be downsized and properly socially distanced.

Concession Protocols

- The North Panola concession stand will only sale items that are prepackaged (i.e. bottled or canned drinks, candy, and chips)
- Team members of the concession stand will wear a mask and gloves while working.

HOMECOMING TAILGATING

- Because of safety concerns, The North Panola Athletic department would like to postpone Homecoming festivities for the upcoming school year unless conditions change for the better.
- Game will be played on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 5pm vs Ruleville Central.
- Protocols aforementioned will be enforced.

Isolation for Exposure or Close Contact

1. Isolation for COVID 19: An athlete who has signs or symptoms of COVID 19, a known close contact, or an elevated temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit should be isolated from their team or activity until COVID 19 is ruled out.
 1. It is recommended that the athlete be seen by their healthcare provider (physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant) and screened for common sources of fever (such as flu, strep throat, urinary tract infections, etc...) as well as a COVID 19 test.
 2. To return to activity the student needs three things:
 1. A minimum of 48 hours must pass from symptom onset or exposure.
 2. Documentation from a healthcare provider (physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant) stating that the student has been screened and whether a COVID 19 test is warranted, and if tested what the results are.
 3. Absence of symptoms, without the use of medication to reduce their symptoms, for 24 hours
1. If a student cannot be evaluated by a healthcare professional (physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant) in a timely manner, or chooses not to be evaluated or tested for whatever reason, they enter a mandatory 14 day quarantine the same as for students who are known positive for COVID 19 and are not allowed to participate until they complete the quarantine.
2. If a student has undergone COVID 19 testing, they are prohibited from participation until their test results return, regardless of symptoms.

Return to Play from COVID 19

Students who have been diagnosed with COVID 19 must meet these requirements to return to play

1. Completion of the 14 – day quarantine, with the last 3 days (72 hours) of the quarantine being symptom free including the absence of fever without fever reducing medication
2. Return to play sooner than 14 – day quarantine is not permitted,
 1. Repeat or serial testing in order to obtain negative test results to return to play sooner than completing the 14 – day quarantine is not allowed.
 2. Neither a negative antigen or PCR nasal swab, nor serological evidence of antibodies should not be included as a requirement to return to play.
3. A written release from a physician (MD or DO) must be provided. The level of workup required for release will vary depending on the severity of the infection and symptoms, and will be left to the discretion of the physician. It is recommended that they adhere to the *NFHS and AMSSM Joint Statement on Cardiopulmonary Considerations for High School Student-Athletes*, which is posted to the MHSAA Website.
 1. It is recommended that students that have moderate to severe cases of COVID 19 undergo a 5 – day re-acclimatization period prior to returning to full activity or participation in competition.

Re-exposure

1. If an athlete is confirmed via testing to have contracted COVID 19, not just presumed positive based on symptoms, fully recovers and returns to activity, then they are exempt from MANDATORY isolation, quarantine, and return to play protocols for COVID 19. Because there has yet to be a clinically proven case of reinfection in persons that have contracted and subsequently recovered from COVID 19, the care and quarantine of athletes that are show signs of illness but have been known to have previously had COVID 19 is left up to their physician, nurse practitioner, or physician’s assistant.
2. If an athlete can show documentary proof of COVID 19 infection, which must include a COVID 19 swab test and not just a presumed infection, prior to the start of the 2020/2021 athletic season, they are similarly exempt as listed above.

Close Contact in the Setting of Athletics

In the case of participation by an COVID positive student or coach, it is the responsibility of the school affected to identify close contacts of the infected according to their school district’s policy for identifying close contacts.

Reporting

Member schools are required to report students, or coaches or administrators present at an event that came into contact with opposing students, coaches or administrators, with known or probable COVID cases on their team to any other member school they have competed or practiced against within the 48 hours prior to the student in question being tested or isolated for symptoms. This information needs to be reported within 12 hours of learning of symptoms or exposure.

NORTH PANOLA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL 2020

Aug 28, 2020	SOUTHAVEN (JAMBOREE)	AWAY
SEPT 4, 2020	OPEN	
SEPT 11, 2020	CALHOUN CITY	AWAY
SEPT 19, 2020	RULEVILLE HOMECOMING	HOME
SEPT 25, 2020	NORTHSIDE	AWAY
OCT 2, 2020	SENATOBIA	AWAY
OCT 9, 2020	BYHALIA	HOME
OCT 16, 2020	INDEPENDENCE	AWAY
OCT 23, 2020	WATER VALLEY	AWAY
OCT 30, 2020	HOLLY SPRINGS (SENIOR NIGHT)	HOME

NORTH PANOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL 2020

SEP 24	CLARKSDALE JH	HOME 5:30 PM
OCT 6	INDEPENDENCE JH	HOME
OCT 8	Cleveland Central	AWAY 5:30

NORTH PANOLA HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL 2020

8/24 (Mon)	Ashland	5p/6p
8/25 (Tues)	Byhalia*	5:30p/6:30p
8/27 (Thurs)	Clarksdale	5:30p/6:30p
9/3 (Thur)	@Clarksdale	5:30p/6:30p
9/8 (Tues)	Holly Springs*	5p
9/10 (Thur)	@Senatobia*	5p/6p
9/24 (Thur)	@Holly Springs*	5p
9/28 (Mon)	West Tallahatchie	5p/6p
9/29 (Tues)	@Byhalia*	5:30p/6:30p
10/1 (Thur)	Senatobia*	5:30p/6:30p
10/6 (Tues)	@Ashland	5p/6p