

## Fall Sports Protocols and Procedures Football/Soccer/Cross Country/Swimming

All coaches must keep a daily attendance log of athletes that attend practice.

All athletes must wear a mask at all times while indoors. Coaches will be responsible for enforcing this rule while indoors.

All athletes must social distance when on the bench, during drills that allow for this to happen and on the bus as much as possible. Masks must be worn at all times on the bus.

During the summer months, all athletes must come dressed and ready for practice. School year guidance for changing will be coming at a later date.

All athletes must use hand sanitizer prior to entering the practice field, games, and buses.

All athletes must bring their own water bottles, drinks cannot be shared at any given time. Clothing is another item that cannot be shared at any time.

Game and practice balls will be disinfected prior to use, ball boys or girls will be given cleaning materials to use during practices and games to disinfect as the game or practice goes on.

Fans will be allowed to attend games. All indoor events will require masks no matter spectator vaccination status. Social distancing will be encouraged for all fans to keep separated. Family members are encouraged to sit together as they are considered direct contacts who reside with the athlete on a daily basis.

Fans are encouraged to bring their own chairs and beverages to the games to help in social distancing.

Transportation - Busing will be available for all scrimmages and games. Athletes will be separated on the bus as much as possible, masks are required for all bus trips.

When possible, try to work with the same partners every day. This will be very useful if contact tracing is needed for a positive COVID-19 case.

All coaches will meet with the Athletic Director prior to review all protocols and best practices in preventing the spread of COVID-19 through athletics.

All student athletes will be educated on the proper protocols used to stop the spread of related to COVID-19 symptoms.

Vaccinations are encouraged for all athletes who are age appropriate.

Depending on the transmission rate of our county, unvaccinated athletes may be subject to weekly testing, additional information relating to this topic will be coming from the Essex County Health Department.

Concussion baseline testing is still required for all contact sports, coaches please plan to get your baseline testing done as soon as possible.