

Devine Athletics COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Policies & Procedures

The following policies and procedures related to Devine Athletics are based on the UIL COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Guidelines. Devine is committed to the safety of the student-athletes and staff. To view the UIL webpage please visit <https://www.uil-texas.org/policy/covid-19/2020-2021-uil-covid-19-risk-mitigation-guidelines>.

Face Coverings Policies

- All staff, parents, visitors, and students ten years of age or older must wear a face covering upon entry to an area where UIL activities are being conducted.
- DISD athletics will issue one washable face covering for all athletes and coaches
- Face coverings are required when actively practicing or playing in the contest.
- When actively participating, masks must cover both your nose and mouth at all times.
- If a student has a medical condition or disability that prevents them from wearing a face covering, a note from their doctor needs to be given to the athletic training.

Required Screenings

- Staff will self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms (listed below) and take their own temperature before participating in practices/games.
- Students will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms and have their temperature taken onsite by staff members.
- Visitors that have to enter any practice facility for any reason must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms and have their temperature taken either by the school front office staff or the athletic training staff.

The following symptoms should be screened each day:

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| - Cough | - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing |
| - Chills | - Repeated shaking with chills |
| - Muscle pain | - Headache |
| - Sore throat | - Loss of taste or smell |
| - Diarrhea | |
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- Feeling feverish or a temperature greater than or equal to 100.0°F
 - Known close contact with a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19
 - Travel outside of the United States within the last 14 days

Disinfecting & Sanitizing Procedures

- After every use, all facilities, weight rooms, equipment, etc. will be disinfected.
 - Staff will be responsible for disinfecting all equipment used during practice including but not limited to all balls, pads, and helmets.
- All facilities used will be cleaned and disinfected daily at the conclusion of all UIL activities.
- Locker rooms will be disinfected after all student-athletes are dressed and on the field/court & at the end of each day.
- Weight rooms will be disinfected between each group and at the end of the day.
- Hand sanitizer will be readily available for use during all UIL activities and before entering/exiting the facility and locker room.

Suspected Cases and Positive Cases

- If an individual has symptoms of or comes in contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, that individual should report the exposure to the athletic trainer or coach as soon as possible. (see attached contact information)
- In the case of an individual who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to school when all of the following criteria are met:
 - at least (24 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 - the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath);
 - at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
 - Must have been cleared by a doctor prior to starting return to play
- If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and who has not been evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, such individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to campus until all three of the following criteria are met:
 - at least three days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications);
 - the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
 - at least ten days have passed since symptoms first appeared.
- If the individual has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to school before completing the above stay at home period, the individual must either
 - (a) obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis or
 - (b) receive two separate confirmations at least 24 hours apart that they are free of COVID-19
- Any student or staff member living with or comes in close contact (as defined in this document) with someone who experiences any of the symptoms of COVID-19, whether they have a positive COVID-19 test or not, should self-isolate for 14 days. If they do not experience any COVID-19 symptoms during that period, they can return to athletics. If they experience symptoms, they must self-isolate until the conditions outlined above have been met.

Procedures for a Confirmed Case of COVID-19

- If a student has reported a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 the following procedures will be followed:
 - The athletic staff will take a report from the student and identify possible exposure to others.
 - The facilities that have been used by the student will be shut down until they have been properly sanitized and disinfected.
 - Students and staff who have been identified as being in close contact with the positive case will be contacted and asked to self-isolate for a minimum of 72 hrs to see if symptoms occur.
 - Close contact is defined as:
 - Being directly exposed to infectious secretions (i.e. being coughed on while not wearing a mask or face shield)
 - Being within 6 feet for a cumulative duration of 15 minutes, while not wearing a mask or face shield

Game Day Procedures

- Visiting teams policies
 - Visiting teams are expected to have completed a self-screen of each player, coach, and aide attending the game prior to arrival
 - Prior to the start of the game and during halftime, the visiting team should disinfect all bottles, coolers, benches, and other surfaces on sidelines
 - Hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance to visiting team locker rooms as well as spray bottles of disinfectant to be used as needed.
 - Visiting teams are expected to also follow all sideline and locker room procedures as listed below during games.
- Sideline procedures
 - Social distancing protocols will be followed when possible
 - In situations where social distancing is not possible, personnel are expected to be wearing face coverings. This includes:
 - Players when not playing but grouped on sidelines
 - All coaches, managers, athletic trainers, athletic training student aides, and media personnel while on the sideline.
 - Indoor sports will space chairs along sideline
 - Hands-free water stations should be used when available. When not available, a designated person(s) should be utilized to refill bottles in order to reduce the number of people coming in contact with bottles.
 - Athletic training staff/athletic training student aides will be utilized to provide water without player contact.
 - Prior to the start of the game, athletic training staff/athletic training student aides will disinfect all bottles, coolers, benches, and other surfaces on sidelines.
 - Lightning/Severe Weather Protocols
 - DISD weather monitoring software guidelines apply
All spectators will be directed to their own cars
 - Officials will go to official dressing room
 - Teams will report to respective locker rooms and social distance and wear masks
 - If needed some members can report to bus
- Locker room procedures
 - Prior to game staff will disinfect both home and away locker room surfaces and equipment
 - Face covering should be worn at all times while in the locker rooms.
 - Any Gatorade or water in the locker room should use similar protocols as on the sidelines with a dedicated person(s) to refill cups and/or bottles

Spectator and Audience Procedures

- The district will develop screening procedures for all spectators at home sporting events.
- Attendance will be limited to 50% of venue capacity with appropriate social distancing and facial coverings.
- Spectators will not be allowed onto the field/court to see athletes before, during, or after the game.

Athletic Training Facilities Procedures

- All students must wear a face covering and be screened prior to entering the Athletic Training Facility.
- All equipment, treatment tables, and taping tables must be cleaned between use.

If a parent needs to pick up an injured athlete, an athletic trainer will bring the athlete outside to your car.