

GUIDELINE

Title:	COVID-19: Risk Mitigation Guidelines				
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SCOPE

This document applies to Northwest Texas Youth Football Association (NWTYFA) and their direct affiliations which include Burleson Youth Association, Ferris Youth Sports Association, Kennedale Youth Association, Lake Worth Youth Association, Lions Youth Sports Association, Red Oak Pee Wee Football Association, Richland Youth Association, Saginaw Youth Association, Springtown Lions Club, TCU Pee Wee Youth Association, Waxahachie Youth Association and Weatherford Youth Athletic Association.

DISCLAIMER

The following guidance related to youth sports programs, based on the public health situation as we understand it today, applies to the 2020 Youth Football Season. This guidance is effective August 1, 2020. Changes to the public health situation may necessitate changes to this guidance.

Given the varying numbers of COVID-19 cases across different areas of the state, and the vast geographic area in the state of Texas, Northwest Texas Youth Football Association is presenting modifications for the 2020 Youth Football Season that reflect the situation at this time. Northwest Texas Youth Football Association will continue to work with state and local guidelines, UIL guidelines and regulations, monitor CDC and other federal guidance to determine any potential modifications that may become necessary. Youth Football leagues should be prepared for the possibility of interruptions in practice and game schedules. The Northwest Texas Youth Football Association and each affiliated Youth Football League should work and plan to accommodate, as best possible, for these interruptions.

Northwest Texas Youth Football Association (NWTYFA) is not responsible to the independent decisions made by each affiliated league.

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Face Coverings- Executive Order GA-29

Executive Order GA-29, regarding face coverings, applies to all Youth Sports Organization activities effective July 3, 2020. This includes the 2020 Football Season. As the public health situation changes, and/or if subsequent Executive Orders are issued by Governor Greg Abbott, these guidelines may be further modified.

1. For the purposes of this document, face coverings include non-medical grade disposable face masks, cloth face coverings (over the nose and mouth), or full-face shields to protect eyes, nose, and mouth. Face shields may be superior to cloth face coverings in many circumstances, given improved ability to see mouth movements and improved air circulation.
2. All football players, cheerleaders, coaches, referees, volunteers, parents, visitors and spectators ten years of age or older must wear face coverings or face shields upon entry to an area where youth sports activities are being conducted and when not actively practicing or participating in games or other activities, unless an exception listed below applies.
3. The face coverings requirements do not apply to a Youth Sports Organization in a county that meets the requirements of paragraph 11 of [Executive Order GA-29](#), unless the local Youth Football

Association chooses to implement these requirements locally. Even in these circumstances, the wearing of face coverings or face shields is strongly encouraged.

Exceptions to the wearing of face coverings or face shields include:

- Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;
- While a person is consuming food or drink;
- While the person is in a swimming pool, lake, or similar body of water.
- When a congregating group of persons maintains at least 6 feet of social distancing; or
- Any other reason or circumstance indicated under [Executive Order GA-29](#).

GENERAL OPERATION GUIDELINES

EXPOSURES AND CONFIRMED COVID-19 TEST

All coaches, assistant coaches and other approved volunteers will be required to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before participating in practices, camps or conditioning or skills training.

Per CDC Guidelines, all coaches, assistant coaches and other approved volunteers should not attend the youth sports activity, and they should notify their youth sports program administrators (each individual association will designate a point of contact) if they or someone in their household become sick with COVID-19 symptoms, test positive for COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19.

These individuals must remain away from areas where youth sports activities are being conducted until they meet the criteria for re-entry. Refer to the CDC Guideline for re-entry or as directed by your local health authority.

CDC Guidelines for re-entry:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprevent-getting-sick%2Fwhen-its-safe.html

All parents and spectators are encouraged to watch from a distance or from your vehicle. If not maintaining more than 6 feet from other spectators, you must be wearing a mask per the [Executive Order GA-29](#).

All persons participating in practices, such as players, coaches, assistant coaches, other approved volunteers, and spectators not staying in their vehicles will be required to sign-in on a designated check-in/roll call sheet for contact tracing. Per UIL recommendations, it is highly recommended that all individuals participating in practices, camps, conditioning, or skills training will have their temperature checked prior to participating. A measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit will not be permitted to participate and will kindly be asked to return home and contact their primary care provider.

Reference the CDC Youth Sports Program FAQs for further information.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports-faq.html>

GAME DAY, PRACTICES, CAMPS, CONDITIONING OR SKILLS TRAINING

Each Youth Sports Association in affiliation with Northwest Texas Youth Football Association are highly encouraged to implement these screening protocols before allowing any football players, cheerleaders, referees, coaches, other volunteers, visitors, parents, and spectators to participate in any NWTYFA and/or direct affiliates for football games, practices, camps, conditioning or skills training. Each Youth Sports Association reserves the right to limit the total number of participants based on available space to allow for the appropriate distancing between participants, volunteers, and spectators.

1. Each affiliated league must require all coaches, assistant coaches, and other approved volunteers to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before participating in practices, games, camps or conditioning or skills training.
2. Parents must ensure they do not send a player and/or cheerleader to participate in NWTYFA activities (games, practices, camps, conditioning or skills training) if the player and/or cheerleader has COVID-19 symptoms or is lab-confirmed with COVID-19 until the below conditions for re-entry are met.
3. Screening questions and requirements will be posted at the entrance of the facilities for all visitors and spectators to review prior to entry.
4. Each affiliated league is highly encouraged to screen visitors before they are allowed access to field areas on game days. When practical, screening questions could be supplemented with temperature checks of adults. Any individual with a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or a positive screen will not be permitted to enter the premises and will kindly be asked to return home and contact their primary care provider.
5. NWTYFA and direct affiliated leagues are permitted to prevent any individual who fails the screening criteria from being admitted into the location where NWTYFA and/or direct affiliate youth sports activities are being conducted until they meet the CDC Guidelines for re-entry.

CDC Guidelines for re-entry:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprevent-getting-sick%2Fwhen-its-safe.html

6. Efforts will be taken to limit the visitors, spectators and other non-badged persons allowed into the facilities until the prior game has ended and time allotted for the visitors, spectators, and other non-badged persons to exit the premises.
7. Coaches will lead teams into the facilities for warm up and check in. If possible, facilities need to provide a designated entrance only and exit only for visitors and spectators to further promote social distancing and minimize high traffic areas. Scheduled games for flag (1 ½-hour) and tackle (2-hour) will be scheduled to assist with meeting current capacity limitations and reducing high traffic areas.

ROUTINE CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

Routinely cleaning and disinfecting equipment and frequently touched surfaces is important to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, CDC recommends that you clean and disinfect equipment and frequently touched surfaces on or around the field at least daily, or between uses as much as possible.

1. It is recommended that each association hosting football games will utilize spray bottles or mist spray packs using the CDC recommended disinfectants to disinfect the stands, sidelines, restrooms, and other common areas (example: Concession Stands) between games.

CDC Recommended Disinfectants:

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2-covid-19>

2. It is recommended that each association have hand sanitizer or hand-washing stations readily available and all individuals should be encouraged to use it frequently.

CONCESSION STANDS AND BOOTHS

Per UIL recommendations, games and events that will include concession stands or other food service, the following guidelines apply:

1. Staff, contractors, and volunteers involved in food service are required to wear face coverings as described in **Executive Order GA-29**.
2. Sites should avoid leaving condiments, silverware, flatware, glassware, or other traditional tabletop items on unoccupied tables or at the counter. Sites should only provide condiments or flatware upon request, and in single use, individually wrapped items.
3. Regularly clean and disinfect the food service counters and areas. Clean and disinfect dining areas (tables, etc.) after each patron departs.
4. Limit contact between the individuals involved in food service and patrons as much as possible. Have employees, contractors, and volunteers follow proper food-handling protocols.
5. Before each game, schools should follow the screening protocols described above to screen staff, contractors, and volunteers who will be involved in food service prior to events. These individuals should also self-screen as described in these screening protocols.

ATTACHMENTS

NWTFX Temperature Logs

REFERENCES

<https://www.uiltexas.org/files/policy/COVID-19-strength-conditioning-2020.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>

<https://www.uiltexas.org/policy/covid-19/2020-2021-uil-covid-19-risk-mitigation-guidelines>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports-faq.html>

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2-covid-19>

<file:///C:/Users/e81878/Downloads/Covid-19-SY-20-21-Public-Health-Guidance.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html>

TEMPERATURE LOG AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Date	Name	Temperature	Contact phone #