

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND
SANTA MONICA-MALIBU CLASSROOM TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
REGARDING
REOPENING OF SCHOOLS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
IN LIGHT OF THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Addendum #6 – Athletics Activities

October 23, 2020

The **Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District** (“District”) and the **Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association** (“Association”), collectively referred to as “the Parties,” entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) regarding the reopening of schools for the 2020 - 2021 school year in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The MOU was signed by the Parties on August 7, 2020.

On Tuesday, October 20 and Friday, October 23, the District and SMMCTA met to discuss on-site/in-person athletic conditioning. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health’s (“LADPH”) Reopening Protocol for Youth Sports Leagues¹ authorizes sports activities that “include but are not limited to training, conditioning and skill-building.” Practice and competition are not currently authorized. This addendum reflects agreements by the Parties regarding on-site/in-person athletic activities.

Therefore, the Parties agree as follows:

1. The District shall follow the LADPH protocols for youth sports.
2. Additionally, the District shall implement the Athletics Safe Practices described on the attached document.
3. District athletic conditioning shall take priority over joint use agreement activities.
4. Coaches participation in athletic conditioning is voluntary.
5. Upon request, the District shall provide speaking amplification equipment to coaches. Such equipment shall not be shared by coaches.
6. Coaches, athletic trainers, athletic directors and athletic administrators will be available to ensure that the protocols are being followed.
7. In the event that athletic practice and/or competition is authorized by the California Interscholastic Federation (“CIF”), the District shall meet with SMMCTA to negotiate implementation.

Mark Kelly – Signed electronically

Grant A. Clark – Signed electronically

For the District
Date:

For the Association
Date:

¹ Reopening Protocol for Youth Sports Leagues
http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/docs/protocols/Reopening_YouthSportsLeagues.pdf

Note: These practices are current as of the revision date. Since the COVID-19 pandemic is evolving rapidly, extra diligence should be used in watching for updates to these practices.

All SMMUSD athletics staff employees and student athletes must follow COVID-19 safe practices pertaining to all SMMUSD employees and students. In addition, the following document provides COVID-19 safety practices applicable to all SMMUSD athletics. Additionally, be sure to review any specific safety practices tailored for specific athletic activities (baseball, golf, track, etc.) Protocols will follow the [LA County Reopening Protocol for Youth Sports Leagues](#), which are subject to change. Questions regarding COVID-19 safety should be directed to your supervisor or coach.

Clearances: Before a student is to participate in athletic activities they must complete mandatory clearance on [athleticclearance.com](#). The School Nurse will review athletic clearance forms to assess if an emergency care plan is necessary.

In accordance with county health orders, please note the following until further notice:

- 1. All youth sports activities must take place outdoors.**
- 2. Only activities which allow for physical distancing are allowed, including but not limited to training, conditioning, and skill-building activities. Non-contact activities only.**
- 3. Students will remain in the same stable cohort to limit the risk of transmission. A cohort consists of no more than 12 students and up to 2 two supervising adults/coaches. Students and coaches are only allowed to be part of one cohort and may not change cohorts.**
- 4. All sporting events, including tournaments, events or competitions are not permitted. Non-contact activities/games such as singles tennis matches, golf matches, some track and field events) are allowed as long as physical distancing is maintained.**
- 5. Locker rooms are closed. Designated restrooms are open for handwashing and restroom use only. Maintain physical distancing in the restrooms. Space will be designated for athlete gear/backpacks to ensure that items are separated at least six feet apart.**
- 6. Parents and visitors are not allowed to enter campus. Parents must be available to pick up their child immediately if the child develops symptoms while on campus.**



HEALTH SCREENING

- 1. *Employee Screenings.*** Prior to coming to school, employees / coaches must conduct self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms and exposure by reviewing the attached screening questionnaire. Upon arriving on site, employees shall go to the sign-in station, screen themselves at the temperature kiosk, and sign-in on the sign-in sheet affirming that they have passed the self-screening process. Any employee who does not pass the at-home or in-person screening (or develops symptoms during the workday) must go/stay home immediately and notify their supervisor and the school nurse for further directions, including self-isolation instructions.
- 2. *Student Athlete Screenings.*** Prior to coming to school, student athletes must conduct self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms and exposure by reviewing the attached screening questionnaire and respond using the tool determined by the site. Student athletes will also be screened upon arriving on site. The screening will include: 1) review of the screening questionnaire for symptoms/exposure, and 2) a temperature check using a contactless thermometer or thermal kiosk. All coaches/staff performing screening are trained by designated staff (with nurse oversight), and will wear a face covering and gloves during screening (may wear a face shield). Only if the student passes the screening will the coach sign the student in on their roster. Any student who does not pass the at-home or in-person screening (or develops

symptoms on campus) must go/stay home immediately and notify their coach and the school nurse for further directions, including self-isolation instructions. The parent will be notified if a student did not pass the screening. Reasonable efforts will be taken to prevent the student from taking public transportation home.

3. **Case Response.** In the event of a positive test or suspected/known case or exposure, the District shall implement its Exposure Management Plan to address the case, potentially exposed persons, and affected areas, following protocols outlined in the [LA County Department of Public Health Order](#). If an exposure occurred within a stable cohort, all members of the stable cohort will require immediate self-quarantine. Notification to affected parties will be provided as required. The district's Exposure Management Plan is provided in the SMMUSD COVID-19 Safety Plan which may be viewed at: <https://www.smmusd.org/coronavirus>.



PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

1. **Masks.** All persons including employees and students are required to wear an appropriate face covering that covers the nose and the mouth at all times, except while swimming, showering, eating/drinking, when engaging in heavy physical exertion (while maintaining a distance of 8 feet or greater from others), or engaging in solo physical exertion (such as jogging by one's self). This applies to all adults and to children 2 years of age and older. Masks with one-way valves may not be used. Only individuals who have been instructed not to wear a face covering by their medical provider due to a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering are exempt from wearing one. Students should take a break from exercise if any difficulty breathing is noted and should change their mask or face covering if it becomes wet and sticks to the student's face and obstructs breathing. Masks that restrict airflow under heavy exertion (such as N-95 masks) are not permitted for exercise. A clean mask is required daily.
2. **Gloves.** Employees / coaches who conduct temperature screening using a contactless handheld thermometer shall wear disposable gloves. Additionally, employees / coaches will wear disposable gloves if they are performing cleaning/disinfection of equipment or other surfaces. Gloves should be put on prior to beginning the task (screening, cleaning, etc.) and removed/disposed of when done. Hands should be washed immediately after removing gloves. Gloves can be obtained from facilities.
3. **Face Shield.** Employees / coaches who conduct temperature screening using a contactless handheld thermometer may also wear a face shield.



PHYSICAL DISTANCING

1. **Cohorts.** Student athletes and coaches remain in a stable cohort in order to limit the risk of transmission.
2. **Activities.** Only activities which allow for physical distancing are allowed, including but not limited to training, conditioning, and skill-building activities. Contact sports cannot practice in the same manner as they used to practice prior to COVID-19.
3. **Physical Distancing.** Physical distancing of at least six (6) feet between each student and between students and coaches is required at all times, and at least eight (8) feet during times of heavy physical exertion.
4. **Area Layouts.** Practice areas are setup/redesigned as needed to maintain physical separation within and between cohorts. Any areas where students are seated off-field or off-court (e.g., bench, dugout, bullpen) is reconfigured as needed to allow students and coaches to maintain a physical distance of 6 feet while in the area.



HAND HYGIENE

1. *Hand Hygiene.* Employees and students should clean hands often and avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Avoid handshakes, high fives, fist bumps, or other physical contact with others. Wash hands with soap and water thoroughly for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use a proper hand sanitizer (e.g., at least 60% ethyl alcohol, avoid isopropyl alcohol-based sanitizer which is more toxic) rubbed into hands until completely dry. Frequent handwashing is more effective than the use of hand sanitizers, especially when hands are visibly dirty. Cover mouth with elbow or tissue when coughing or sneezing.
2. *Equipment.* Student athletes will bring their own equipment to practice and not share equipment, to the extent possible. If sharing is necessary, it is limited to a pair of students and disinfected between use. Students may engage in limited sharing of equipment, such as kicking a soccer ball between two people, or throwing a baseball, football, or frisbee as part of skill-building exercises. However, sharing of equipment in this manner should only be in designated pairs, not as a group activity. If equipment must be shared, it is disinfected between use by different people.
3. *Water Bottles.* Students should bring their own pre-filled water bottles. Water fountains are available to fill water bottles only and not for drinking. Students should not share beverage bottles or food.
4. *Personal Items.* Students and staff personal items such as water bottles, backpacks/purses, cell phones, etc. should be viewed as an extension of the hands and disinfected frequently. Avoid sharing or placing these items on public surfaces that may be contaminated



ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING

1. *Surfaces.* Frequently touched surfaces on campus (e.g. door handles, handrails, handwash sinks, etc.) are cleaned and disinfected at least daily by custodial staff using products on EPA List N approved for use against COVID-19. Refer to district cleaning schedules for more information.
2. *Equipment.* If sharing of certain equipment cannot be avoided, cleaning/disinfection should be done between each use. Employees may only use disinfectants approved by the district and shall receive training to ensure that products are used per the product label, including minimum contact time to ensure proper disinfection, as well as precautions for using the product safely.



ADDITIONAL PRACTICES

1. *Outdoors.* Until further notice, all youth sports activities must only take place outdoors. Teams may utilize a canopy, or other sun shelter, but only if the sides of the canopy or sun shelter are not closed and there is sufficient outdoor air movement.
2. *Ingress/Egress.* School sites shall establish entry and exit procedures for students.

Attachment A: Screening Questionnaire

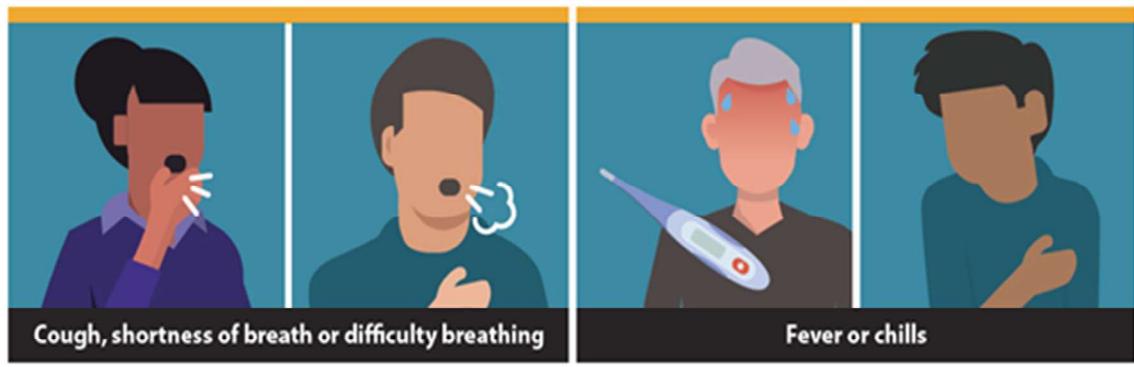
SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE



Feeling Sick?
Stay home when you are sick!

If you feel unwell or have the following symptoms
please leave the building and contact your health care provider.
Notify your supervisor and school nurse.

DO NOT ENTER if you have symptoms such as:



PLEASE ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Did any of the following symptoms appear within the last 10 days?
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Fever (at or over 100.4° F)
 - Chills
2. Is your temperature above normal (at or over 100.4° F)?
3. Have you had contact with a person known to be infected with or suspected to have COVID-19 within the last 14 days?

DO NOT ENTER IF YOU ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS