



Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools

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Dear GJPS Families,

On August 4, most middle school and high school fall athletic teams and high school bands returned to Phase 1 training. Our coaches/advisors and students have continued to follow these guidelines for skills training in a safe environment. We are proud of everyone's efforts to diligently follow safety precautions.

Below are modifications for Phase 1 guidelines for fall athletic teams and band:

- Fall non-contact sports including cross country, girls volleyball, golf, and tennis are permitted to participate in intrasquad scrimmages and intersquad competitions.
- Fall contact sports including football and soccer are permitted to participate in intrasquad scrimmages. Per the Ohio High School Athletic Association, scrimmages and competitions with other opponents are not permitted at this time.
- Marching Band will be permitted to practice show patterns marching with 6ft of social distancing, while wearing masks. Marching Band will also be permitted to play instruments in a larger group, maintaining 6ft of social distancing while standing in place.

These modifications will take effect starting Monday, August 10, 2020. It is important that coaches/advisors and students continue to adhere to safety protocols, including symptom checks, social distancing, wearing masks, and good hand hygiene. **Coaches/advisors will be in touch with students to provide information about practice schedules.**

Our situation with COVID-19 in Franklin County remains very dynamic, and things change frequently. We will continue to work closely with Franklin County Public Health, and we will not hesitate to make changes to these guidelines if necessary.

We know none of this is easy, and we appreciate your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Steve Barrett
Superintendent