

Fall 2020

# RETURN TO COMPETITION

## GUIDELINES



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# ATHLETIC ATTENDANCE LEVELS

## Athletic Level 1

### Outdoor

Open attendance. Social distancing is encouraged in the tailgate area and face coverings are strongly encouraged when entering the Stadium, but because attendance is voluntary, neither will be mandated.

### Indoor

Open attendance. Face coverings are encouraged in Dakota State University's Fieldhouse. Social distancing or face coverings will not be mandated because attendance is voluntary.

## Athletic Level 2:

### Outdoor

Limited attendance. Social distancing is expected; seating will be approximately 33%. Individual games may increase to 50%. Each athlete on the roster will be allowed four (4) tickets to be given to parents and family members. **Face coverings are encouraged in stadium.**

### Indoor

Limited attendance. Social distancing is expected; seating will be approximately 33%. Each athlete on the roster will be allowed four (4) tickets to be given to parents and family members. Face coverings are required in indoor public spaces (i.e. Fieldhouse.)

## Athletic Level 3

### Outdoor

Limited attendance. Social distancing is expected; seating will be approximately 33%. Individual games may increase to 50%. Each athlete on the roster will be allowed four (4) tickets to be given to parents and family members. **Social distancing and face coverings are required in the tailgate area and in the stadium.**

### Indoor

Limited attendance. Social distancing is expected; seating will be approximately 33%. Each athlete on the roster will be allowed four (4) tickets to be given to parents and family members. Face coverings are required in indoor public spaces (i.e. Fieldhouse.)

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## **Athletic Level 4**

### **Outdoor**

Athletes, coaches, officials, event staff and medical staff only. Essential people only; no students, family, or fans.

### **Indoor**

Athletes, coaches, officials, event staff and medical staff only. Essential people only; no students, family, or fans.

## **Athletic Level 5**

### **No sporting events**

University has moved to remote classes and postponed or cancelled all practice and events.



# SPECTATORS

## SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

- » Spectators are attending at their own risk. Dakota State encourages all spectators to follow the COVID guidelines from the CDC or SD Department of Health, including social distancing.
- » Spectators may be required to wear a face covering, depending on the various athletic level designation.
- » Spectators at games will be a local decision. Dakota State will inform the visiting school in advance if any restrictions are in place as early as possible. Dakota State will decide on whether they will restrict parents and fans from the opponents, based on the athletic level designation.
- » No gathering or socializing will be allowed after events. All spectators should vacate the facility in an orderly manner, maintaining social distance upon the completion of the event.
- » Events will be made available in digital format when possible so spectators can watch the live stream. To see if a game will be live streamed, go to [dsuathletics.com](https://dsuathletics.com).



# HOSPITALITY & TROJAN ATHLETIC CLUB AREA

## Hospitality Level 1

### VIP Suite at Football games

Social distancing is encouraged. Face coverings are mandatory unless eating or drinking. Food items will be provided including beverages and snacks and food (pre-packaged and/or served).

### Hospitality Rooms at VB, Men's Basketball and Women's Basketball games

Social distancing is encouraged. Face coverings are mandatory unless eating or drinking. Food items will be provided including beverages and snacks and food (pre-packaged and/or served). All Trojan Athletic Club members will be allowed.

Both the VIP and Hospitality areas are small, and entry is controlled by Dakota State athletic staff.

## Hospitality Level 2

### VIP Suite at Football games

Limit of 12 people allowed. The University reserves will develop a selection process. Face coverings are mandatory unless eating or drinking. Food items will be provided including beverages and pre-packaged serving snacks and food.

### Hospitality Rooms at VB, Men's Basketball and Women's Basketball games

Limit of 10 people allowed. The University will develop a selection process. Face coverings are mandatory unless eating or drinking. Food items will be provided including beverages and pre-packaged serving snacks and food.

*\* Will attempt to have second room on south end of the hallway for additional space for hospitality room at VB, Men's Basketball and Women's Basketball games. Will have separate area for children's food and drinks.*

## Hospitality Level 3

### VIP Suite at Football games:

Closed.

### Hospitality Rooms at VB, Men's Basketball and Women's Basketball games:

Closed.



# PRECAUTIONS

## SCORE TABLE & PRESS BOX

- » Hand sanitizer will be readily available for event staff, players, and officials.
- » Score Table: Only essential workers will be allowed to sit at the score table and will be spread out as much as possible. These workers will be required to wear a face covering.
- » Press Box: Space restrictions

## BENCH & SIDELINE

- » Only coaches and athletes in uniform will be allowed on the bench or sideline to allow for social distancing. Medical personnel will be an exception on the sideline.
- » Benches will be spread apart as much as possible.
- » All volleyball and basketball athletes should use provided hand sanitizer before entering and exiting the playing court.

## KIDS ZONE

- » There will not be inflatable slides or bouncy houses for children at Dakota State University football games.

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## CONCESSIONS

- » Dakota State will follow the COVID-19 Food Concessions Stand for Schools and Temporary Events Guideline put out by the SD Department of Health.
- » All workers will be required to wear face coverings and gloves.
- » Anyone working with food prep will also be required to wear face coverings and gloves.
- » Dakota State will post signage for patrons to maintain social distancing of 6' near concession stands.
- » Dakota State will develop satellite concession areas to help reduce lines when possible.
- » Workers will clean and sanitize all areas during operation - especially high-contact surfaces such as equipment, utensils, and counter tops.
- » For both concessions' levels, Dakota State will discontinue self-service operations such as condiment trays, napkins, utensils, and other amenities to help maintain infection control. These areas will be maintained by the concession stand workers.

### Concessions Level 1

Menu for all concession areas will include all items from previous years including hot dogs, bag popcorn, nachos, and plastic bottles of water, soft drinks, Gatorade, etc.

### Concessions Level 2

Menu for all concession areas will include only items that are individual or pre-packaged serving food or drinks.

## TICKET TAKING

- » Ticket takers will wear gloves for handling of money, Trojan Athletic Club membership cards, student ID's or other passes.
- » Dakota State will develop multiple entry stations to reduce lines.
- » Social distancing is expected when standing in lines and will be marked with appropriate signage.

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## TRAFFIC FLOW

All spectators should vacate the facility in an orderly manner, maintaining social distance upon the completion of the event.

### Fieldhouse:

- » All fans will enter through the west doors only.
- » All fans will leave through the north, west, or south doors.

### Stadium:

- » All fans will enter and leave through the south admission area.

## COACHES

- » All coaches must follow the guidelines for the various athletic levels.
- » Coaches should keep their teams in cohorts as much as possible to help with contact tracing if needed.
- » Only current Dakota State coaches and staff and student participants can attend practice sessions.
- » No spectators or visitors will be allowed in the facility during practice or open gym works.

## TRAVEL

- » Students will wear face coverings while in a school or commercial vehicle.
- » Assigned seating and social distancing will be mandatory. Coach/supervisor must keep a record of assigned seats. Grouping will include roommates and housemates to reduce the number of contacts.
- » Hand sanitizer bottles will be made available when traveling to away games.
- » If requested in advance, parents may sign a waiver and transport individual athletes. Only parents may sign the waiver.
- » Whenever possible, a Dakota State Athletic Trainer will accompany a squad on the road.

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## **LOCKER ROOMS**

- » When possible, teams will come to games dressed and use the locker room only as a drop off and instruction area.
- » All team members will get ready and leave the locker room quickly and efficiently prior to and following practice, games, and events. No lingering or loitering will be allowed.

## **WATER SYSTEM:**

- » Athletes will be required to bring their own water bottles.
- » Designated individuals with the athletic training staff or the athlete will be tasked to fill water bottles. These individuals will also be required to wear a face covering and gloves.

## **TEAM MEALS:**

- » No sit-down meals inside restaurants.
- » Food can be ordered as take-out, served and eaten in an area where social distancing can take place.
- » If feasible, the meal will be eaten outdoors.
- » No sharing food or utensils.
- » No sharing a pizza with another teammate unless the pizzas is divided by the restaurant and placed in individual boxes. Ex: the restaurant divides the large pizza in two and places in two boxes.

Dakota State University appreciates YOU,  
our Trojan Family, all that YOU are doing to keep  
our campus and community safe.

We are DSU Strong!

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