

BSSD – Sports and Activities Guidelines for Summer 2020

Parents were notified in May that in conjunction with the 27 schools in the Greater KC Suburban Conference, both Blue Springs High School and Blue Springs South High School will have a two-phase re-opening of athletic facilities for use by activities groups and athletic squads. All published workouts and practices are OPTIONAL. **Parents should decide how much of the schedule they will allow their students to participate in during the summer.**

A schedule of practices for all students, incoming freshmen through seniors, including team camps, will be published on the high school websites:

Blue Springs High School – www.bswildcats.com

Blue Springs South High School – www.bssjaguars.com

Middle Schools – please check your school’s website for July camp and practice information

PHASE II – starting Monday, June 29

Sports teams and activities groups will be allowed to start sport-specific workouts and practices. **While social distancing will be observed as much as possible, parents should understand that student-athletes will be allowed to compete in sport specific skills, including scrimmaging and normal sports-specific contact.**

- **Parents who are not comfortable with the contact student-athletes will have with their teammates during sports-specific workouts should not send their student to these optional workouts/practices.**

Please remind your student when attending these optional practices that they are to follow these safety guidelines:

- Practice social distancing whenever possible, especially when arriving at the school before workouts begin and end, using designated drop-off and pick-up areas.
- Bring a personal water bottle and a towel (if needed).
- DO NOT ATTEND daily workouts if exhibiting any of the following symptoms – fever of 100.3 or higher, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath.
- Any student who has had close contact with, or cared for, someone with COVID-19 should not attend any workouts for at least 14 days.

Each day upon arrival, students will be checked for temperature. If the student has a temperature of 100.3 or higher, they will not be allowed to stay for workouts. Parents who are dropping off students should not leave until they know their student has passed this check.

Anyone refusing to have their temperature checked before entering will NOT BE ALLOWED to participate or enter the facilities.

Group limitations (per Jackson County health officials) continue to be 50 in outdoor spaces and 25 indoors. The BSSD staff will carefully follow these guidelines.

All weight room equipment will be disinfected before students arrive and disinfecting will be done on equipment as much as possible during use. After each group has used the weight room, coaches and custodians will do a complete disinfecting of the area and there will be a one-hour waiting period before the next group will be allowed to use the weight room.

While social distancing will be observed as much as possible, parents should understand that student-athletes will be allowed to compete in sport specific skills, including scrimmaging and normal sports-specific contact.

Please note that we will also open the indoor pool facilities with limited schedules for our student-athletes at both the Blue Springs Aquatic Center and the new Blue Springs South Aquatic Center. **The outdoor pool at the Blue Springs High School campus will remain closed for the summer of 2020.**

Students will not be allowed to use locker rooms for storage of workout gear and towels. No equipment or workout gear will be allowed to be stored in locker rooms at this time. Coaches will monitor athletes for social distancing and numbers in the locker rooms.

No common showers or water fountains will be used at this time.

Students should plan to leave the campus as soon as their workout/practice ends. They should shower immediately upon arrival at home.

MSHSAA has suspended all restrictions on practices and dead periods for the summer because of the shorter time frame teams will have to get ready for their fall seasons. Therefore, the BSSD will not observe its scheduled DEAD PERIOD from July 4-12. **However, ALL practices and workouts are OPTIONAL.**

Families will be able to continue with any family vacations or plans as they arise. We ask that you communicate clearly with your student's coaches and activity supervisors during this unusual time.

Before any student will be allowed to participate in any workouts or practice activities, both the parent, or legal guardian, and the student must sign the attached permission form.

This is the same form that was used prior to Phase I. If you have already turned a form into the school, you do not need a new one.

PARENT PERMISSION FORM – SUMMER PARTICIPATION 2020

The pandemic of 2020 has created unusual circumstances for all of us. The Blue Springs School District will be opening its facilities to use by students, coaches, and activities supervisors on June 15, 2020.

The first phase on June 15 will allow up to 50 students to participate in activities on the outdoor fields at both high schools with BSSD staff supervision.

The second phase will allow students to participate on BSSD outdoor fields and indoor facilities, including gyms, weight rooms, and practice areas at both high schools, the BSHS freshman campus, and all four middle schools. We will be disinfecting all these areas as completely as possible during these summer workouts. However, students will have to bring their own water and their own towels for use.

Before any student will be allowed to participate in any of the above activities, both the parent, or legal guardian, and the student must sign this permission form.

I, _____, am participating in the summer programs

(Student name printed above)

at (name of school) _____ with the permission of my parent(s) or legal guardian(s). I do understand the risks associated with participation due to the COVID19 virus, and I am willing to participate and be responsible for my own health in doing so.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I, _____, understand that my student will be

(parent/guardian name printed above)

participating in summer athletic/activities programs on Blue Spring School District property under the supervision of BSSD staff. I do understand the risks associated with participation due to the COVID19 virus, and I am willingly letting my student participate, accepting responsibility for my students' own health in doing so.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent contact phone number _____

Parent contact email _____