# **COVID-19 Gameday Protocol**

**Introduction:**

* The intent of this document is to assist California Community College athletic trainers and athletic departments with preparation and implementation of game day strategies for all sports except for football (see football specific document). Each institution/conference should personalize the content of this plan to incorporate campus and/or conference specific policies and guidelines.

**Preparation:**

* Pre-season conference and/or sport specific meeting(s) to go over each schools’ return to sport plans, testing procedures and specific county requirements.
* Home team game manager will contact the visiting team 48-72 hours before game day to review specific county or campus guidelines:
  + Locker Rooms
  + Rest Rooms
  + PPE Necessary for Sport
  + Water
  + Ice
  + Parking
  + Travel Roster if required
    - The travel roster will include the following information:
      * Number of buses, vans, and cars traveling with the visiting team.
      * List of names on each bus, van, and car.

**Visiting Team protocol:**

* Before departing from the visiting college site, the appointed school personnel will communicate with the appointed host school personnel (email, shared drive, etc) a full travel roster.
  + Should provide the CCCATA or similar attestation form that will cover the following:
    - Temperature check
    - Symptom check
    - COVID-19 test negative within guidelines
      * Negative test must be posted before leaving campus
      * Date and time of tests and results may be requested
    - The roster will include all members that will be traveling.
      * First and last names
      * Uniform numbers for athletes
      * Role of staff members
* If travel cannot take place with physical distancing and masking, PCR test needs to be done 2 days before leaving, or antigen/rapid PCR test 1 day before leaving. (NCAA Resocialization of Collegiate Sport, 11/2020, pg 23)

**Home Team protocol:**

* The appointed host school personnel will communicate with the appointed visiting school personnel (email, shared drive, etc) a full travel roster before they leave for the game.
  + Should provide the CCCATA or similar attestation form that will cover the following:
    - Temperature check
    - Symptom check
    - COVID-19 test negative within guidelines
      * Negative test must be posted before leaving campus
      * Date and time of tests and results may be requested
    - The roster will include all members that will be traveling.
      * First and last names
      * Uniform numbers for athletes
      * Role of staff members
* In the event that an athletic trainer does not travel with the visiting team, the host athletic trainer will evaluate and treat any injuries that occur.
* The host athletic trainer will communicate with the visiting team’s athletic trainer as soon as possible.
* The host team will provide ice and bags for the visiting team if allowed.

**Positive COVID-19 Test:**

* If either team registers a positive COVID-19 test within 7 days of the contest:
  + The athletic trainer will notify the other athletic trainer as soon as possible.
    - The position(s) of the positive test(s)
    - How much and when the athlete(s) participated
  + The athletic trainer will also notify responsible persons on the other campus if requested.

**Note:** Discontinuation of practice with contact and competition for the rest of the season may be considered by local health departments if more than 10% of athletes on a team test positive within a 14-day period. For teams with less than 20 athletes total, if more than 5 members test positive, discontinuation of practice with contact and competition for the rest of the season may be considered. (**CDPH IHE Document, page 36)**

**Cancelling the Game:**

* If a team is not able to field a team due to numerous positive COVID-19 test or contact tracing, communication through the Athletic Directors should occur as soon as possible.

**Officials:**

* The hosting athletic director is responsible for ensuring that the officials meet the guidelines for COVID-19 testing. (See CCAA Officials testing and masking)