# **COVID-19 Football 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 football. 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 athletic trainer will contact the visiting athletic trainer 48-72 hours before game day to review specific county or campus guidelines:
  + Locker Rooms
  + Rest Rooms
  + 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 visiting athletic trainer will communicate with the host athletic trainer (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 host athletic trainer will communicate with the visiting athletic trainer (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

**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.