

SOCORRO HS FOOTBALL PRACTICE/GAME PROTOCOLS

- I. COVID-19 Standard School Process - Athletes**
 - 1. Forms – Self check**
 - a. Athletes will do COVID questions prior to practice everyday**
 - b. Athletes will do COVID questions prior to game time.**
 - 2. Temperatures**
 - a. Checked before practice everyday**
 - b. Checked before boarding team bus. (Coach will certify that all students have been cleared and present Screening Verification form to host game administrator)**
 - 1. Masks will be required on the bus**
 - 3. Reporting of symptoms**
 - a. To administration immediately to include athletic director**
 - 4. Entrances & Exits for teams**
 - a. Each facility will provide a detailed map (see below).**
 - b. Designated entrance to practice each day.**
 - 1. Masks are worn upon arrival**
 - 2. Social distancing**
 - 3. Bring own water bottle**
 - 5. Games: No visitor locker rooms will be provided except for restroom use; one athlete at a time (Subject to Change)**
 - 6. Home team must designate area for teams when they arrive and for halftime.**
- II. TEAM PROCEDURES**
 - 1. Benches**
 - a. Teams will utilize 10 yd. to 10 yd. line as sideline for team**
 - 1. Cones must designate 10 to 10**
 - b. No handshakes or physical contact with opponents**
 - c. Only players and coaches are allowed in the extended team box. Cheerleaders and other auxiliary team members and spectators are not to be in the extended team box.**
 - d. Enforcement of the extended team box is the responsibility of game management.**
 - e. Sidelines will practice social distancing**
 - f. On the sideline – masks must be worn at all times**

2. Contestants

- a. All participants should be provided with entry and exit plans for contest areas that maintain separation from non-participants and fans. Individuals not essential to the team or group should not be given access to contest areas, performance areas, courts, or fields at all before, during, or after contests and events.**
- b. No handshakes or unnecessary physical contact**
- c. There shall be NO postgame handshake between teams following the game**

3. Captain

- a. Only one captain per side for coin toss**
- b. No handshakes and social distancing will be maintained**

III. COVID-19 Standard School Process – Officials

1. CREW CERTIFICATION

- a. Crew Chief will certify all chapter assigned personnel are cleared for participation**
- b. Form will be provided to administration, athletic trainer or head coach with certification all officials are clear to officiate**

2. CHAIN CREWS

- a. All chain personnel will provide certification to the district of their COVID status**
- b. Crew will provide own masks**
- c. Abide by all district guidelines**

3. Temperatures

- a. will be checked upon arrival to facility- notice will be provided of whom will take temperature**

4. Reporting of symptoms

- a. To association immediately.**

5. Entrances & Exits for officials

- a. Each facility will provide a detail map to indicate**
- b. The host site should provide sports and contest officials an area to enter and exit separate from fans when possible.**

6. Dressing Facilities

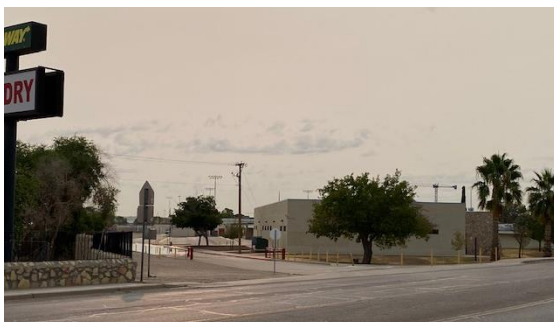
- a. The districts will provide space large enough for Varsity game officials to change in before/after games and halftime.**

- b. Officials should be provided a dressing and meeting area, if applicable, that has been cleaned and disinfected prior to their arrival.
 - c. If there is not a space large enough, officials will be notified during the week of game and officials will need to come dressed
 - d. School should provide secure parking area with security escort to and from before and after game.
 - e. Sub-Varsity/Middle School – Not required but a separate parking area is recommended.
7. Hydration – All Levels of Play
- a. Officials will receive a tray with disposable cups at each time out. Officials will group together to make it easier for the manager to get the cups to the crews.
 - b. Schools will stock a cooler of water on each end of the field by the goal posts for the officials to use for hydration.
8. TIME OUTS
- a. Will be adjusted as needed to accommodate hydration needs
9. SIDELINE CONTROL
- a. Officials will not regulate social distancing on the sidelines. Coaches may be reminded by administration to keep social distancing from officials and chain crew.
 - b. Coaches and players should maintain 6 feet of distance from chain crew members

Entry/Exit points – Referees and Visitor Buses / Visitors

Referees/Visitors/Buses enter the campus at the west entrance, closest to the Vista supermarket. Drive straight to the back and take a right to park behind the football field. Make your way around the right hand of the football field and walk between field and building to get to the rear PIT entrance. Please depart the way you arrived:

Entrance for Ref/Bus Parking



Referee Parking



IV. STUDENT GROUPS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE GAME OR CONTEST

- 1. These student groups should remain separate from the game or contest participants at all times. These student groups should avoid mixing with fans or non-group members throughout the game or contest.**
- 2. Student groups are required to wear face coverings as described in Executive Order GA-29**
- 3. Schools should consider limiting the number of students and staff given access to the playing areas and ensure protocols for entering and exiting the playing areas are in place.**
- 4. Fans and spectators should be located to provide at least 10 feet of distance from bands playing wind instruments from the stands.**
- 5. These students should maintain appropriate distancing from game or contest participants at all times, including when on the sideline.**

V. SPECTATOR ENTRY

- 1. Temperature check and COVID-19 screening required for entry**
- 2. Provide clearly visible signage**
- 3. Fan and spectator areas including bleachers, stands, walkways, and other spectator areas should be at least six feet from team /group areas such as team benches or performance areas.**
- 4. Restrooms – monitor for social distancing**
- 5. No concessions**
- 6. Face Coverings- Executive Order GA-29 - All employees, parents, visitors and students ten years of age or older must wear face coverings or face shields upon entry to an area where UIL activities are being conducted and when not actively practicing or playing in the contest, unless an exception listed below applies.**
 - a. Schools not following these guidelines are subject to sanctions, including suspension of contests or discontinuation of public access to games, by the local UIL District Executive Committee and/or UIL State Executive Committee.**
 - b. Coaches **should** have face coverings on at all times unless they fall under one of the exceptions.**
 - c. Players not actively participating in a contest **should** have face coverings on at all times unless they fall under one of the exceptions.**

- d. Parents, visitors, spectators and students should have face coverings on at all times unless they fall under one of the exceptions.

7. Monitoring system for masks

VI. PARKING PLAN

1. Officials
2. Visiting Team - The host site should designate a cleaned and disinfected area for teams to unload and load buses separate from fans, spectators, and other individuals not essential to the team or group.
3. VIP parking
 - a. Screen and temperature check

VII. INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

1. Teams
2. Spectators
3. Consider volleyball home games the same night

VIII. PRESSBOX PROTOCOLS

1. Other areas used by participants, such as press box areas, should be cleaned and disinfected prior to and after use. Sites should develop plans for providing access to these areas that limit or remove potential contact between participants and non-participants.
2. Clock operator
3. Countdown clock operator
4. Announcer
5. Home/visiting team boxes
6. Next opponent scouts
7. No hospitality
8. Public Service Announcements

IX. UIL AND DEC RULES AND PROCEDURES MUST BE FOLLOWED

X. MAP OF ENTRY FOR REFEREES AND VISITING TEAMS (See Next Page)



Visitor JV Waiting Area

Visitor Restroom

Visitor Bus Dropoff

Socorro High Athletic Complex

Referee Parking

Visitor Pre-Game

Football Field

Home Sideline

Visitor Sideline

Home Pre-Game

Home JV Waiting Area