USCAH Checklist: Creating Your Roadmap for Return to Campus

Category 3: Personnel Development and Training-Medical Personnel, Coaches and Staff



The following criteria (items 1-6) should be used as a guideline for the development and implementation of all return to sport participation education and programming.

1. Personnel and programming

- Define Essential Personnel (Medical, coaches, staff)
 - o Define and identify Highly Essential
 - o Define and identify Lower Essential
- Develop appropriate policies & procedures for COVID athletic environment
 - o Review all facilities, determine Highly Essential & Lower Essential areas
 - o Consider laminated identification tags like those used at athletic events
 - Rethink and revise existing Athletic Training room model and access to healthcare staff
 - o Create more treatment spaces to allow for fewer student athletes in a "treatment space"
- Produce training for essential personnel PPE, hygiene, social distancing, symptom monitoring, appropriate reporting
 - o Ensure all training meets institution and state requirements
 - o Consider partnering with an organization that can deliver and monitor the education and training

2. Testing and Monitoring

- Testing appropriate criteria for testing
 - Mandate anti-body testing for all healthcare professionals, student athletes, coaches and staff prior to access to any facilities
 - o Establish clear guidelines for daily temperature and symptom testing
- Policy for symptom monitoring for all essential personnel
 - o Establish single entrances to facilities to ensure daily monitoring is established prior to entering any of the facilities
 - o Implement daily personal health history questionnaires to check for symptoms
- Policy for contact tracing
 - o Identify personnel who will monitor and evaluate those exposed to the virus
- Policy for quarantine/isolation
 - o Establish and implement strict quarantined procedures
 - o Isolation protocols for all athletic, healthcare, housing and nutrition facilities

3. Risk Mitigation

- Collaborate with risk management and legal staff regarding obligations for testing, monitoring, symptoms reporting, quarantine, isolation
 - o Partner with the experts to create institution specific requirements
- Collaborate with local & state health departments to meet required guidelines
 - o NATA
 - o State Department of Health

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4. Social Distancing

- Identify appropriate social distancing recommendations
 - o Limit in person meetings and interactions to very small groupso Recommend 6-10 feet between individuals
- Determine procedures to maintain social distancing (facility procedures)
 - o Assign medical and facility staff to monitor student athletes and coaches
 - o Align with all institution and state monitory mandates

5. Personal and Group Hygiene

- Develop recommended policy for hygiene
 - o Frequent hand washing remains the #1 deterrent
 - o Mask wearing mandatory
- Provide adequate resources for hygiene (i.e. hand sanitizer stations)
- Provide facility cleaning and disinfectant plan
 - o Individual cleaning after each piece of equipment is used
 - o Daily facility sanitizing and disinfection
- Identify high risk hygiene areas and develop procedures for this area
 - o Limit access to modalities such as hot and cold tubs
 - o Locker rooms
 - o Communal showers
 - o Athletic training room

6. Quarantine Procedures

- Define criteria for quarantine and isolation
 - Define contact tracing plan
- Identify Chief Infection Officer-decision maker for return to work
- Identify return to work criteria and procedures

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