

QUESTION: If you do not feel prepared heading into this season under the current conditions, what kind of support would help you be better prepared? 314 responses

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| Possibly put together different resources for all coaches to access. |
| none |
| state guidelines |
| I feel prepared. |
| Guidelines |
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| We are ready |
| I feel prepared, but I am nervous about all the possible scenarios. I will feel better once we get some guidance from the MSHSL. |
| There is a lack of alignment between MDH's definition of "distancing" and what local authorities use. If distancing is maintained by not being closer than 6 feet of an unmasked person for 15 uninterrupted minutes, then football should absolutely be able to be played. |
| I feel prepared to start. |
| I feel prepared. |
| Nothing |
| Funding for safety supplies |
| We feel good about our COVID plan. Our summer has gone well. |
| More district support on our own guidelines |
| Direction from MSHSL |
| Everything is so vague right now it is hard to tell. |
| None |
| Funding to provide our teachers with PPE while teaching and coaching. Funding for cleaning materials needed at practice and the weight rooms. |
| We are prepared |
| More clear outlined guidelines of what practice should look like for large schools. |
| We feel prepared. Up to date information is the best tool. |
| If masks are required, can MFCA or MSHSL Provide some or at least help us get some. |
| na |
| We feel prepared. |
| N/A |
| Other states are going forward, we can as well. |
| Clear guidelines for handling COVID cases. What is to protocol for 1 case? Multiple cases? |

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| I just want to know if we move the season to spring why types of activites will be allowed for us yet this fall. Can we practice/ workout etc. |
| A list of detailed reminders and protocols for all FB coaches to folllow |
| Protocols for positive tests; guidelines for practice to minimize risk |
| Testing, how will it work and how much will it cost? |
| We feel prepared here in Grand Rapids. |
| NA |
| We are willing to find creative solutions to be productive and prepare our kids to play. I am answering unsure to the previous question because I do not know what our requirements/guidelines will be. Once we know, we will then be able to work toward becoming "prepared." |
| na |
| DNA |
| A template for operating safely such as nessary ppe, storage options if no locker room/equipment room is available, methods to sanitize equipment. |
| Standards for all teams would be helpful |
| None - we are ready. |
| PPE |
| A state wide covid plan |
| Na |
| Peer workshops. |
| NA |
| Ok |
| I feel comfortable under the current conditions. I just want to be able to coach and have my kids play. |
| I feel prepared to implement any safety measures that are deemed necessary. |
| More direction from mshsl |
| Clear guidance and equal enforcement of any games missed due to positive tests on a team. |
| N/a |
| NA |
| Detailed safety measures required by programs |
| We would be prepared |
| N/A |
| Our district hasn't communicated who is responsible for PPE, hand sanitizer, equipment sanitizer etc... |
| Information and resources. What are other schools doing. Try and keep everyone up to date. |
| Kids having internet access. |
| Need guidance from MSHSL!! |

I think we need rules, not guidelines on meeting and practice precautions. Currently, our school's policy is being carried out in a way that, I believe, makes football a pipe dream. Even outside, we are limited to pods of 25. We can practice skills and techniques this way, but we cannot appropriately prepare kids to enjoy safe competition. Further, if a student in a pod tests positive for COVID-19, that entire pod is out for 7 days. We either limit the pod size to prevent more kids from having to sit out in the case of a positive test or we expand the pod but, in the case of one positive test, our entire team is out for seven days. We would have to miss a game. We would take a game away from our opponent. I know we are more conservative than some schools. But, without RULES, not guidelines, from the MSHSL, we are left to fend for ourselves. There are multiple sets of guidelines out there from the CDC, MDH, NFHS, MSHSL but rules set forth by the MSHSL directed specifically at larger 5A and 6A schools are necessary. We are a small 6A roster of about 75 10-12th graders. Limiting pods of 25 at 100+ person, varsity only rosters will be impossible for them. Practicing differently based on different interpretations of COVID-19 guidelines could serve as a competitive advantage. Coaches and athletic administrators need to have written rules in hand to show school and district administrators we are practicing appropriately and safely based on MSHSL COVID-19 rules.

unsure of any at this time.

NA

I'm good

I am in favor of spring football, hopefully we have a better handle on things by then.

Nothing

Any form of direction about how to safely operate practices and play games would be greatly appreciated.

Na

We haven't had any guidance yet.

I feel as prepared as I think we can be.

I feel prepared

We feel prepared.

Feel prepared

Other ideas on how to structure practice, games and weight room to be as safe as possible.

Just getting direction from you guys is important. I do think we need to be unified or at least the regions need to be unified

Good

I feel prepared.

I feel prepared!

I would just like to see something from the SHSL that give us guidance on exactly what they are thinking. It would be much easier to be ready if we knew what the SHSL had in mind for what they would like to see done.

None

NA

We feel prepared.

I'm good, I think!

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| No |
| I feel comfortable and prepared for a fall season |
| N/A |
| All good |
| We have had camp and a scrimmage already without concerns! Maybe make it Mandatory for all lineman to wear a full face shield? |
| We won't know if we are prepared until we see the guidelines on locker rooms, cleaning of equipment used in practice, how we handle a situation when a player has symptoms of COVID, etc |
| My fear are modifications. Sanitizing everything, locker rooms, shields, what do we do if we have a Covid Case, so many unanswered questions. Plus our district is known to be cheap and we won't have the money to support modifications. I would rather wait and play in the Spring hoping there is a Vaccine. Even a shortened season in the spring would be better if we didn't have modifications. |
| I would like to see a document/flow chart that tells me what to do when a parent asks about COVID related questions. How long to quarantine after positive test? How long if exposure? How long if symptoms? What to do if..... |
| If we are so unsure of how to handle the fall season, I am 100% behind moving it to the Spring season. |
| none that I can think of |
| none |
| na |
| Clear guidelines specific to football |
| Perhaps local public health officials on sidelines to ensure proper safety for players, coaches, managers, etc. Don't make this all fall on coaching staffs who are trying to coach a game. |
| Guidance from the MSHSL |
| Guidelines |
| No concerns |
| Okay |
| Clear guidance spelled out specifically for football. Interpreting general guidance can be extremely difficult to make sure we are doing things the right way. |
| We feel comfortable, as a staff, to have a full season. |
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| we are ready yo start the season. We had camp last week with modified(outside) meetings. As children are at minimal risk i feel it is more dangerous to our kids health not to play. The mental health risks would be catastrophic compared to their risk od disease. |
| I feel prepared |
| Impossible to be prepared for this. Just prepare the best you can. |
| None |
| We have preparing this summer |
| How to set up practices and how to handle that. |
| Clear guidelines from Department of Health and MSHSL |

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| We are ready and have been practicing this all summer |
| Thermometers |
| NA |
| We are prepared |
| What are other teams planning for safety precautions for kids and staff? |
| Training on safety protocol |
| WE are ready to start with whatever safety measures are required. |
| I can get prepared if need be, but I feel if we move it to the spring, it would be best for all. But move some of the sports that can be to the spring. I would hate to begin then have to stop because of it it the fall. |
| N/A |
| help with cleaning supplies. |
| Not sure at this time. |
| I feel prepared |
| I am as prepared as I can be. |
| Give the rules and guidelines and we will adhere to them with the best of our ability. |
| freedom to play without restrictions |
| None that I can think of. |
| Clarity of protocol if there is a positive test within the team. |
| I feel we would be prepared |
| I feel ready! |
| thorough explanations of protocols |
| I feel prepared |
| We are prepared |
| Would want assurances that it is safe for students, staff etc |
| We are good |
| Need ideas of what other schools our size are doing? Seems the best to play in spring, the fall will have soo many ifs in the heads of our athletes. |
| I feel comfortable |
| We just need guidance from the experts. |
| None needed just guidance |
| Would like guidance on what levels of CONTACT are acceptable and when. |
| I am ready for the season. |
| We are totally comfortable. Don't have one part of the state shut the whole state down. |

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| More guidelines around what is going to happen if team have a Covid breakout. |
| Keep us updated with all the current changes. it helps if they could be simplified so that we only need to read what really applies to us as sports coaches. |
| guidance on positive tests and transportation guidelines |
| I am prepared for the season. Maybe just clarity in if a player in program test positive if that shuts down whole program? |
| I feel prepared and supported by my administration |
| Ok |
| We will make it work |
| All good |
| N/a |
| I feel prepared |
| We are prepared |
| guidance for locker room use |
| I feel prepared for this season. |
| N/A |
| Ok |
| none |
| I feel prepared |
| Biggest concerns are about transporting a team to games with limits to the number of student-athletes allowed on a bus. We can't afford to run 4-5 busses to get 50 people to the game. |
| We are fine |
| I'm good |
| We need to PLAY FOOTBALL!!! |
| i feel that a solid set of guidelines that ae well thought through will be more help than anything as long as they are clear and consistent for players coaches officials etc. For all regions of the state. |
| We are ready. |
| none.. we will be prepared. |
| We are ready. |
| More specifics on what or how many cases suspends a team for 2 weeks, |
| The masks could get confusing for players and coaches on when end how to use them |
| I feel prepared as long as we do not run the risk of a disrupted game schedule due to covid. |
| Specific mn guidelines for football practices and how to limit spread in a tackle game environment |
| We are prepared |
| Not sure |

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| A definite answer to the questions on proximity, contact, and games. |
| Delay start for more prep time. |
| Not sure we have the funds to address all the requirements. |
| Method for sanitizing and drying equipment |
| I feel prepared. |
| none |
| NA |
| I feel we would be prepared. |
| Not applicable |
| Tracing and Positive Test FAQ sheet |
| None |
| More guidance and communication |
| With not knowing what will and will not take place at this point, I feel as best prepared as we can be. |
| We feel prepared |
| Some form of guidance would help |
| To continue to update the guidelines |
| Clear guidelines. |
| We would be ready! We have worked with our athletes following the guidelines all summer and things have gone great. We have many kids playing AAU Basketball and baseball and that is going good. We need to PLAY FOOTBALL this fall!! If we need to switch to the spring that is fine, but we can NEVER cancel the season. |
| I feel prepared |
| Need to know if masks, gators, or shields would need to be worn by players. It will take time to get those ordered |
| I am prepared for the season. Maybe just clarity in if a player in program test positive if that shuts down whole program? |
| None |
| Black and white protocol for practice and game situations. |
| masks for players- if the state will mandate masks then they should help provide some |
| Honestly, preparedness is fine...navigating the Covid protocols is difficult. What would help is a clear outline as what to do if coaches/players are exposed to a positive case, or someone who is awaiting test results, or if one of our players or coaches tests positive.. |
| Protocols for positive tests of athletes and when they are exposed to people with a positive test. Guidance how to manage and play when we will be shutting down individuals, groups or teams each time. |
| In regards to the prior 2 questions, I was unsure what "prepared" meant. If "prepared" means "are you willing"; then I am unequivocally "prepared/willing to do whatever is necessary to safely have a season". If it means am I "literally prepared"; the answer is unsure because I do not yet know what the safety measures look like. I have thought about several different scenarios, and am 100% willing to do what is |

necessary to have a safe season, but knowing what safety measures will be required will greatly help to be fully prepared.

I feel that we are prepared

I need to be communicated about updates and expectations.

I think there should be grants set up for schools that may need help purchasing safety equipment, like face shields to help protect players

There seem to be no concrete guidelines for all schools follow for a positive case. If we are to try to play this fall, there needs to be a set of rules like we have for concussion protocol. In addition, schools will have several student athletes and some staff who will not place themselves (or families) in this situation making it a challenge to field a competitive program in the fall.

Feel Prepared

Consistent guidelines.

A complete SPECIFIC list of do's and don'ts as it comes to safety.

More CLEAR guidance on what we need to do.

None

We are prepared to do whatever it takes to give athletes a positive and worthwhile experience.

Testing protocol and procedures.

no

How to go about a positive COVID test either from an athlete, coach, or even a family member

N/A

No

None

none

not sure

Not sure

I am prepared and we need to play football this fall

"I don't know what I don't know"

Clarity from the MDH of our specific expectations for football. Obviously we cannot social distance in the game.

feel prepared

We are prepared and ready to go.

I would like to see some examples of how to handle situations that will change what we have done in the past. Examples: Bus Rides, Team Meetings, Locker Rooms, etc.

Getting appropriate protective gear for athletes, coaches, and officials.

A vaccine of COVID-19 to ensure that no player or coach under my supervision contracts this deadly virus during a practice or meeting for which I coordinated.

A vaccine

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| I feel like I am prepared. |
| Guidelines |
| More information on how to keep our players safe. Would be nice to know what other coaches are doing for drills and practice. |
| Clear guidelines from MSHSL and Dept. Of Health |
| Football coaches will respond to any situation to make the season or a partial season a reality. |
| clear guidance on equipment, practice condition plans, travel organization as well as supplies. |
| guidelines to follow when student athletes test positive for COVID |
| Timely guidance from all stakeholders so we can execute what is required. |
| I feel prepared. |
| Clear protocols for all schools on a positive test. |
| less restrictions and guidelines. Football is either a good idea or it isn't. Giving coaches more guidelines and restrictions only increases our liability when we don't follow guidelines that we are unfamiliar with. I'm not comfortable coaching under those circumstances. |
| NA |
| I feel prepared |
| Parents on board with kids playing |
| Have answer to what is going to happen. I need to plan for a season. |
| NA |
| We are prepared - COVID does not affect this age group. The season flu has more damaging affect on this age group. Its importan to look at the facts and not using emotions and fear to make decisions. |
| State-wide protocol followed by all fall sports, |
| We are ready to play |
| Funding |
| Guidelines sooner than later..ie... temp checks, limited participation groups, varsity only, etc... |
| We have prepared all summer with guidelines in place. |
| I am not a school district employee so maneuvering around guidelines specific to schools could be challenging for me. As we don't yet know what the guidelines may be, it is difficult to say if we are prepared for them. |
| None at this time |
| tflood@saintagnesschool.org |
| Good |
| N/A |
| My Administration and other school districts. |
| Examples for how to run a cdc regulated practice |
| Just knowing what the plan is and what decision is on school this fall. |

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| none |
| Liability is an issue. |
| Clear and consistent guidelines for day to day operations specific to the dynamics of a football program |
| better guidelines |
| Just more information I guess. I feel like we're all in the dark outside the metro |
| Travel and close contact with other school's players |
| We are well Prepared |
| Feel as prepared as can be. |
| None |
| We need answers sooner than later. It is already getting late in the game to make sweeping scheduling changes. |
| I feel prepared |
| Can not think of anything at this time |
| Prepared |
| N/A |
| The big thing that we need as a local school district and athletic department is a plan to have practices and what procedures we need in place to limit access to the building at the same time. What precautions need to be put into place, how do we deal with a kid getting tested and if the kid or coach is positive. I feel confident that our coaches and administration can come up with a plan with some guidance from MDH and MSHSL. |
| I feel ready to go with whatever is determined to be the best option for football. |
| More direction on COVID protocols. Our district or even the MSHSL needs to come out with protocols that are consistent across the whole state. |
| We are ready |
| More direction on COVID protocols. Our district or even the MSHSL needs to come out with protocols that are consistent across the whole state. |
| More guidelines from MSHL and or MFCA |
| N/A |
| I feel we are set. |
| Sanitizing equipment for the team. |
| More answers from the MSHSL in what to do when certain situations occur. We have gotten 0 direction, in my opinion, from anyone at the state level. |
| Let's get started and start season after 1 week of practices |
| Feel Good |
| People trusting each other. If you are sick (100.4+) just stay home. |
| Klds need to get back to normal...with safety precaution...it shouldn't be an all or nothing...some areas are in better shape than others take that into consideration... |
| We need a checklist of what we can and can't do in practice. |

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| I feel prepared, I'd love support on aiding our athletes to get some athletic specific masks. |
| We would need to make sure that faceshields, etc. that are required are available to all teams. |
| n/a |
| I feel very prepared to safely follow the guidelines put in place whatever they may be. |
| I would love information sharing about what other programs are doing to provide safe environment? (Cleaning/locker room/equipment, etc) |
| We will be ready |
| Guidelines if someone tests positive on our team |
| N/A |
| None |
| Guidlines |
| My budgets can be tight and if we need to make big purchases of cleaning materials, it would be nice to have some dedicated funds from the state. maybe the high school league or us as coaches organize a fund or sharing of materials for those schools lucky enough to be blessed with booster clubs and other generous funding sources. |
| I feel comfortable as of now. |
| More cleaning supplies, detailed explanation of how we handle positive cases in our area/school; checklist of what criteria needs to be met to be cleared to practice/play. |
| I feel prepared |
| none |
| Unsure |
| Unsure at this time. |
| I feel prepared, I'd love support on aiding our athletes to get some athletic specific masks. |
| We feel prepared to move forward |
| Unsure |
| none.. we will be prepared. |
| I sm 67 years old so I am of the population that is much more ar ridk than the younger coaches. but I will do what we nred to do. My first choice ks to move the season to the spring and move spring sports to the summer. |
| a guide or resource for football teams |
| Clear guidelines |

QUESTION: Do you have any other questions or concerns? 314 responses

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| No |
| none |
| Covid testing, costs |
| My concern is that we would be too hasty in a cancellation. I believe we must do everything we can to make sure we can play football first in the fall, second in the spring. There should never be a cancellation of the season, just an adjustment if only necessary. |
| Nope |
| I feel if we try to have a fall season it will end up being cancelled due to schools being cancelled due to COVID 19 positive tests. |
| Spring football is better than no football. If we try to play in the fall and we cant we need something writing of when we can finish. |
| No. |
| Masks should not be required for outdoor MSHSL activities and distancing can be maintained. |
| No |
| No |
| No |
| Making sure teams are well equipped to make sure everyone stays safe. |
| None |
| None |
| I like the what Michigan did. Play as long as you can in the fall and if you have to, finish the season in late May into June. |
| Move it to the spring it gives us a fighting chance. |
| If needed lets play a section only schedule, even if it is 4 games 2 home 2 away. 9 man can not play football and baseball at the same time. |
| Consider the possibility of just doing varsity level interscholastic games and allowing lower levels to do in-house? |
| Lets play |
| Question mostly related to nuts and bolts of practice. |
| Not at this time |
| Let's Play Football! |
| no |
| No--Farmington is ready to play football!!!! |
| No |
| Families in our school district are preparing to move to South Dakota or Iowa so they can have school and play fall sports. It worries me. If they can safely play with necessary precautions then we should be able to as well. Our kids need sports! |

Having dealt with some COVID cases during our summer training the response from MDH is concerning. 2 cases led to a 2 weeks shut down for the pod. I see many games canceled or even refusal to play another school due to COVID exposure.

I believe it is in the best interest of the our players to try and move the season to the spring.

None at this time

Strongly believe pushing FB to spring and extending the contact period for all sports into the fall so coaches from all sports can prepare, maintain team unity, and stay conditioned is essential in the event seasons switch.

Main concern is testing and if someone in the program is exposed or tests positive. What happens next in those situations.

We need to do everything we can to protect the opportunity for kids to compete. If we start and get cancelled we need to have the ability to resume the season. Worst case scenario is to start and not finish due to COVID. Cancellation should not be on the table

NA

1) I would be in support of having a shortened Fall season that included 6, in district games only. We could then develop a playoff system that only invites the winners of each district to participate in. 2) I am concerned about moving Football to the Spring without moving Spring sports to the Fall. I do not want kids to have to pick between two sports that they have played in the past. 3) If the Fall season is cancelled, I think we must have our waiver period extended until the Winter Season. Coaches have been working with kids all Summer. So, unless our governor decides to "turn the dial back," it would make no sense to disallow coaches to continue to work with kids. This would also give kids a chance for social interaction. It also would give coaches, many of whom would lose their coaching paycheck an opportunity to make some money by holding camps, clinics, intramural programs, etc. During that waiver period, coaches (in all sports) should be limited in how many times they can work with kids in a given week (2 times is my recommendation).

no

No.

Let's play!!!

No

Thanks for working to make sure our players have a season either in the fall or spring. Thanks!!

Many concerns.

No

Na

Not at this time.

Understanding my players, as much as the games are important the social and emotional has been as important for our players. we have kids waking up at 4:30am to be at our 7am practice time to avoid HEAT so we know the kids NEED and WANT this

Elimate 7 and 8 th seed and make it 6 team playoff section if we shorten season

No I do not.

Some state are cancelling post season and implementing a shorter season. My question on this option (which is sort of referred to above with shortened and modified) is: if it is safe enough to play some games, what makes 8 weeks vs. 6 weeks, playoffs or postseason unsafe? For example if we can be around each other for 6 weeks (really 8 with fall camp), what makes the potential 2-4 weeks after that more dangerous? In my mind if it is safe enough to play we should play and create protocols for when a

child/coach tests positive that would minimize cancellation. If we can't do that, then we should not play and look at other options. Shortening the season and eliminating games and/or post season makes it seem like we are just playing because the adults think we should-i.e..parents don't want their child missing a sport season, or political pressure is telling us to, not because it is actually medically unsafe. All I am asking is that player and coach safety be the number 1 criteria in all of this as they are the one's who this affects the most.

Is there opportunity for outstays or areas impacted less to still play a season. If MSHSL cancels all fall activities can we have "club" teams for football and play games like baseball did over the summer with Legion Baseball being canceled?

My main concern would be achieving equity in determining the teams in eligibility or forfeiting games due to a positive Covid test. Who will be in charge of determining a teams eligibility? In Iowa this summer the department of health for the county did the investigation and ruled whether or not a whole team had to sit out or justMembers of the team that had it close stay in contact with an individual.

n/a

No

If you have to forfeit, is it a loss or just a non-game?

My only concern is the amount of time to prepare and plan for all safety and guidelines if the seasons were to start on Aug 17

No questions

What are bus trips going to look like? Can we use locker rooms? What happens when we get a case?

No

I feel as though the spring is our best option for a full season. Busing/transportation seems like it would be a major issue also.

I wish we were updated more from the MSHSL. It feels like we know nothing and the weekly LEAD meetings do not answer questions we have.

As much as we all want to play, I think anyone who believes playing football won't spread COVID-19 is kidding themselves. I want to play but I haven't seen a risk tolerance that give me confidence in starting and finishing even a shortened season with playoffs possible. If we played through as a "normal" schedule even with modifications to practice and meetings, kids will get it. In many, maybe even all, cases they would recover and be fine. But, what will the threshold be for the MSHSL and Gov. Walz be before we get the plug pulled? I don;t feel confident that threshold is high enough to lead to the completion of a fall season for football. I want our kids to have the opportunity to play. But we talk a lot about finishing. If we can't finish, I want to be able to look our players in the eye and truly believe we wanted to but couldn't finish. I don't think any type of fall football really offers that possibility.

not yet

We need the play. This should not be taken from the kids!

None

When will decisions be made on the fall season?

No

If we have a Shortened/Modified Fall season what does that mean for the playoffs? Are playoffs a possibility if we move football to the Spring? I am in favor of flipping all Fall and Spring sports if it gives us the best chance to compete in every activity.

No

What happens if a player in our district gets sick?

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| I would be okay with a shortened/modified regular season WITH playoffs. But if there's a chance playoffs could be canceled, we should move it to the Spring. I will find little to no value of a season without playoffs. |
| I do not |
| None at this time |
| No |
| No. |
| I would be alright with a later start and shorter season like Wisconsin just moved towards. If schedule shortened we should just be playing teams in our section OR teams in CLOSE proximity... for TRF that means we should be playing Roseau and maybe even Crookston. Hope district scheduling can be looked at again during this time. |
| Good |
| No. Thank you for your work on behalf of all our teams. |
| None |
| None |
| Why do't we consider moving fall sports to the spring, Spring sports to the summer |
| No |
| Our major question is, what will the protocol be if/when a player on a team tests positive for Covid-19? |
| Not at the moment |
| My concerns with switching the season to spring are this.... 1. What will be different?? It might be a worse time. If schools are in session for 6 months and a spike happens from that, we could loose the season. I think we could use safety measures and make it happen in the fall. Another concern for spring in competing with spring sports, if there is overlap with spring sports I am 100% against moving to spring. Unacceptable to force kids to make a choice. |
| No questions or concerns |
| I spoke with a representative on the task force yesterday. I really like the idea of playing every other Friday, limiting the teams in the playoffs, 6 game regular season and starting games after 2 weeks of practice |
| One concern would be if we have football, I would suggest only positive testing players/coaches be required to quarantine, NOT those that were standing next to him and test Negative |
| Section play? winner of each section goes to playoffs and or one and two in your section go to playoffs will limit a couple games? |
| My concern is that if we start practice later than the Aug. 17th original start date, are we going to be allowed to have enough practice time to get ready for games at the start of the season. I think we need the current 15 days of practice we have at the start of the season. Over the past several years, football has come a long ways as far as the safety of the players. Because of this, our numbers are starting to climb again. My concern is that if the MSHSL starts the season at a later date, that they will reduce the number of practices at the beginning of the season. I think this would be a mistake. To keep the players safe and to give us time to condition and "teach" the proper fundamentals of the game, I think we need to make sure we have the 15 days of practice before games are played. |
| Fight for a Spring Season. Football in the fall, no fans, restrictions is not foot ball. |
| NA |

The only question I have is for multiple sport kids if it is moved to the Spring. Baseball is in good shape right now and playing a ton of games, could we switch with them and maybe track if do-able...or consider moving sports into the summer like Iowa does. If we play in the summer, football should have very little to do in summer anyways because kids need to get away from it.

I know I answered NO play in the spring to the first question. I would love to go in the fall but I think we will be cut short and I feel we are more likely to get a decent amount of games in the spring. All of this hinges on spring sports being moved to the summer or fall for this season. A school our size we wouldn't be able to have kids choose between football and track or baseball. There are too many kids that play multiple sports at our school.

The questions on this survey were vague and had too much gray area to interpret. Such as a shortened season, what does that incur? 6 games? 4 games? Which games would be cancelled? Would an entire new schedule be made? Many of those answers would affect my answers on the above questions. A more precise questionnaire would be more

no

I am open to any plan that allows us to have at least a partial football season this year.

Let's use some common sense, personal responsibility, allow fans at social distancing aspect, and give these HS kids the most enjoyable football experience possible.

No

My concern is that teams will not do what they are saying, we need to make sure teams are held accountable on not doing things right.

No

Okay

Let's find a way to have a safe season. I know there is a way and make us accountable for any mistakes during it.

Let's play football!

No

Our young athletes need football! They need some semblance of normal. Time to play.

no

No

None

Would really like for the season to start on time, but understand if it cannot

Let's find a way for at least a 6 game season plus playoffs in fall or spring

no

we have to find a way that all sports are played in modified form during the year.

No

No

Not at this time.

Not at the moment.

No

We should absolutely have football this fall

Our kids need a season. This is the highlight of many of our kids' lives right now. For some this is one of the reasons they are engaged in classes. I believe spring would be best and allow sports that do not touch as much as in the fall such as baseball. I am concerned about the safety of our kids and their families as well as my coaches and their families. Another concern is what's the protocol if somebody does test positive. What happens to the teams on the field.

I have heard talk of masks being used by the players during games, moving them up and down before/after and during plays. Using masks in this manner is the equivalent of coughing into your hand. I would think that using a mask in this manner would spread any potential virus that may be present more quickly. If we are going to play, then I don't think masks should be on players.

What is the waiver period?

We must find a way to ensure that these Senior Football players have a Senior season. Fall, spring, whenever... I cannot fathom having to tell my Seniors that they will never have a Senior season of football. We cannot take that away from them.

No

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input. That having been said, it is very difficult to answer these questions without knowing the protocols we will be operating under. If a positive COVID test is enough to shut down a team or even a large part of a team, then we're better off waiting until the Spring.

None at this time

Let's play like normal. Kids need us to do what is best for them overall.

No

The answer of yes to the last two questions should have an asterisk by them. I'm prepared in the sense of I know that it could happen and I am willing to work through that. We are not prepared in the sense that we have a plan in place already for dealing with it.

I believe we should play schools that are in our area. Like Thief River Falls and not be going to 3 hour bus trips during this time.

No!

My answer to if some losing some games or shortened is ok, was a yes. However it is more an unsure. What is the definition of shortened? 5 games? 3 games? 6 games? My other concern is, we spend a lot of time, we have already put a lot of time into this. If we go in the fall, how is positive tests going to be treated? Are negative tests and symptom free enough for teams to move forward? So many unknowns right now I feel.

Will there be uniform guidelines on how to measure and handle exposures to positive tests versus contacts. Who will monitor and decide?

Not at this time.

How do we ensure safety of everyone involved?

Nope

No, just waiting to hear from Mr. Walz.

Would the MSHSL have a set protocol for all schools to follow? I feel it should not be left up to the schools individually on how they handle COVID Cases. We need set guidelines to follow if a case were to happen with a coach, player, or family.

No

Nope. Let's play

Young men need football!

I think if football is moved to the spring, spring sports should move to the fall. As a small school, we don't want to make kids choose between baseball/track and field and football. Our numbers are on the low end in the first place. If we take more kids out of football to play other sports we will struggle or the other sport would struggle. Other than that, lets play ball!!

No totally ready for football to start on time, but definitely ready for a Spring season if that's what is decided.

My only concern will be everyone following the rules in the outstate areas, where they arent under a microscope for COVID, and will that give them an advantage in the playoffs.

No

no

If players test negative can they come back to play like any job or other workforce out there?

No - Just want to play - Shortened season is better than no season - Start on time and go until we can

Eliminate 7 and 8 th seed and make it 6 team playoff section if we shorten season

Any games would be great for my community

No shortened season please

No

Will there be uniform guidelines on how to measure and handle exposures to positive tests versus contacts. Who will monitor and decide?

Nope. Thanks for setting this up.

No

What is the contingency plan when a team has a coach or player test positive for a previous game, or for future games? We need to have a uniform, statewide framework to ensure safety for all.

No

Eliminate 7 and 8 th seed and make it 6 team playoff section if we shorten season

If we have to shorten the season A minimum of at least six game.

No

My concern would be that limitations be made with consideration to what football practice needs to have in order to protect the safety of kids from injury. We can't have practices with only small groups, and no contact, and then go to games.

If we have a shorten season - how bout 6 regular season games and only 4 make play offs this would allow the season to start a few weeks later.

None

We absolutely CANNOT CANCEL FOOTBALL! We have to play in the fall or spring! Whatever we do WE MUST PLAY FOOTBALL!! Yes...there is a risk with COVID, yet the mental health issues we would have by not having football would be TERRIBLE! If we have to move to the spring we can make that work. Play on turf fields to start the year on Thursday's, Friday's, and Saturday's. Also, do we ever look at playing games in the fall during the afternoons and not at night? We could play Friday and/or Saturday afternoons if there is solid evidence that playing in the sun is better than playing at night.

I am assuming this will be addressed, but will there be modifications to schedules based on travel? For example as a 9-man program we have to travel clear across the state in week 4 if play. Would those types of games be changed to try and stay as local as possible?

Thank you for your hard work. I hope they listen. Kids need good film, sport, and normal. Even if we only had 6 games to be around our guys, I'd be all for it.

None

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What are the protocols for competition if 1 player gets Covid, several players, etc...?

No

Protocol for when an athlete gets covid. Are we able to play an upcoming game or does the whole team have to isolate and cancel the game?

Too many to list

No

No

We can't expect all these kids to be tested as often as professionals.

None

I just don't see how we can play ball. How can we hold kids responsible to be at school 6 days a week for football, but only 2 for school? Honestly, I think playing in the Spring is our only shot at a complete season. Jan 4 starting for Winter sports, then fall-sports in mid-March, and spring-sports in June.

emotional/ mental health of athletes

My concern with starting football in the fall is that there will be many interruptions in the schedule and likely shut downs to schools and games.

none

I heard rumors of moving football only to the spring, but not adjust spring sports. In my opinion, this isn't a good option for kids or coaches. In many programs, like mine, we have athletes and coaches that coach football in the fall and something in the spring. We would be making coaches and kids chose what sport they wanted to play or coach. If we move football to the spring, I hope that would adjust spring sports so that kids could do both but not need to make a choice.

Not at this time

It would be convenient to play teams based on logistics. We do not need to be driving 4 hours to play a football game. We have enough local area teams to compete with here in Roseau like Warroad, EGF, TRF, Crookston, International Falls, and Bagley.

Something is better than nothing - the spring remains uncertain as well.

None

Not really

In the question about the possibility of. "waiver period being extended through the Fall regular season?" what does that mean. Wavier for what? Please explain.

No

MSHSL needs to make a decision and go. No guidance and no information is not how this should be done.

Are face masks that fit on helmets going to be required? If so, all schools need to know now so we can order and have here on time.

Football is a sport that can not have limited contact. 100 percent or not a all. Also, if football is canceled please do not cancel the non contact sports like Cross country or golf.

How many young people in the age bracket of our players are dying from COVID? What COVID has done is tragic, yet when I looked at statistics this fall young people had more of a chance dying while swimming and driving to school than they did from COVID. Anything we do has a certain level of risk.

No

I am in favor of doing whatever it takes to have a season...i don't care if it is Spring or Fall, i just want these kids to get a chance to play.

If players test negative can they come back to play like any job or other workforce out there?

None

No

n/a

We are unsure as to how travel will work in busses and the additional costs to districts. What happens to Junior High sports? in both metro and outstate communities.

My concern is students will be constantly exposed via their jobs, families and classrooms. This will lead us to shutdown each time while waiting on test results and 14 day periods.

I am concerned with the well being of my athletes should there not be a season. I am concerned that their ability/willingness to stay positive and make good choices off the field will suffer.

If we were to start practices later what would be the time frame before we can play our games

Not at this time.

I think it is important that we try our very best to make sure our student-athletes have a Fall Season.

3 Significant Concerns- 1 Directions & rules do not seem consistent. Districts all over the state are interpreting things differently (and conditions vary widely) leading to inequity. 2. We are concerned with outbreaks on teams creating an uneven schedules. If a team has a positive case and is out for 2 weeks and then upon return to play is to compete with a team that has it's own outbreak, our team would miss 3 games (or more). 3. It is difficult to see how football (or basketball or soccer) can be played following social distancing rules. Sports like golf, cross country and even tennis are more naturally socially distanced. Can sports even be done at our level without all the daily testing/ "bubble"/ enhanced safety precautions being followed by major league sports.

no

Safety of students and coaches is my main concern.

My main concern is once that you turn on the scoreboards, the door is open to dishonesty. For instance, is an athlete going to admit a fever on a Friday morning knowing that the game that night may have to be forfeited? Probably not. A 3 game season like Wisconsin doesn't make sense to me. As far as spring goes, it would really be a problem in any small school where coaches often coach in spring and fall seasons and their would not be enough kids to go around. The only way that I would be in favor of spring football is if all the spring sports were offered this fall. I wouldn't want to see the spring teams lose 2 seasons which is what would happen if students had to choose in the small schools.

Spring will not work in small schools. We rely on the same athletes for all 3 seasons and also many coaches in small schools coach in the fall and spring!

None

We feel it is very important that athletes have the opportunity to participate in athletic seasons. It does not define who we are, but it plays a huge part in the person they become.

Since physicals have been postponed for a year. Could we have all coaches and players tested and move 2 a days to the the beginning of the school year and 1 week of 2-a days.

no

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| If football is moved to the spring, would we switch it back the next year or when we can? |
| No questions |
| No |
| No |
| no |
| I have a concern that society has become a bunch of sheep waiting to be told what to do instead of independently thinking with critical thinking and problem solving skills. I believe that now more than ever we need football for our high school students. The values that we teach are not duplicated elsewhere. We should be looking at actual facts. Not the predictive "science" that has been incorrect all the way through this pandemic. |
| No |
| No |
| The question about extening the waiver period is unclear. Would the waiver be for the entire fall or just a certain number of days? What are the guidlelines from MDH regarding football? I couldn't get a straight answer from the MSHSL nor my AD (who was in contact with all the other conference ADs). WI had a very detailed plan based on the local / county "Risk Level" about what schools could and could not do for football (and every other sport that practiced over the summer) Every school in MN was doing something different. Some had full fledged scrimmages against other teams and some barly touched a football. Some direction this summer would have been helpful. |
| I feel like it could get tough with a kid having any type of symptoms (not necessarily Covid) and having to sit out extended periods of time. As much as I'd like to have fall football, I think the spring is our best bet. But fall football depends on how we will treat positive cases and symptoms... how long kids will have to sit out if they are not feeling well. |
| no |
| I would really like to see the season go at least though Section Playoffs. Even further cases begin to decrease. |
| None |
| How could moving to the Spring work when winter can sometimes last into late March or early April. Would we be given time to acclimate the athletes? I'm sure I will have more questions when I know what we are doing. |
| I love football. Without it, I do not know where I would be in this world. However, the lives and health of the players, coaches and communities for which we serve are more important than football. Most school's are planning on some type of distant learning or hybrid type model and we're seriously talking about playing football!?? I love the game and all of the characteristics it can teach and mold into our youth. But I love the youth I work with more. I love my coaches more. |
| Health and safety of players and coaches as masks and social distancing will not be able to be maintained. Could there be a 7-on-7 league? |
| No. Thanks for sending out the survey |
| I feel if we try to have a fall season it will end up being cancelled due to schools being cancelled due to COVID 19 positive tests. |
| No |
| Player/coach virus testing and results, coaching liability |
| The MSHSL needs to keep the coaches in the loop via MFCA Executive Director's Committee |

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| Moving to Spring raises a lot of issues, basically robbing Peter to pay Paul at the expense of baseball, golf and track. |
| We need to do whatever is needed to have a full regular season. If that means moving the season to the spring then that is what should be done. Kids have lost out on too much already |
| I have heard school districts are going to try and deduct pay for shortened seasons and not pay if seasons are cancelled. |
| None at this time. |
| I would like to make sure there are clear protocols for all schools on a positive test. |
| I do not want to start the season and ask for all that time and effort from my team only to have the rug pulled out from under them if there is an outbreak. That is a worse case scenario in my opinion. (to start and then have the season end abruptly because of an outbreak) |
| NA |
| Nope- just want to get going |
| I don't want to lose my job if a kid gets sick |
| We need answers, stop waiting and make a decision. |
| NA |
| Yes -the state will do a lot of damage to these kids if they take away school and sports. Way more damage than COVID will as this has less affect on these kids then the yearly flu season. Focus energy on teachers and coaches especially the older population and vulnerable. |
| I don't know how 100 plus players can get in a locker room and keep social distance. |
| No. The kids need to play |
| I would only be in favor of moving to spring if accommodations were made for spring activities, such as all seasons being shortened or spring moving to summer. |
| Nine kids need sports, Iowa softball and baseball number of infections, etc are a good guideline in my opinion. |
| no |
| Obviously we have health questions in trying to play the season. I am in favor of playing the football season if we believe we can do it safely. However, I would have concerns if we tried to force a season because we feel obligated to. |
| No |
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| Practicing with waiver days in the fall with no season will help but the kids really need competition with other schools |
| No |
| Pushing the season back is delaying the inevitable. Let's move it to spring so the seniors can get a season in. |
| No |
| There are too many variables still unanswered related to Covid. |
| none |
| Not at this time. |

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| No |
| how do we fund this |
| The kids want to play! |
| None at this time |
| no |
| No |
| No |
| We need to do all we can to play football in the fall. The powers that be need to look at the numbers that actually matter (not the overall case numbers): hospitalizations and deaths. Both categories have been taking a nose dive numbers-wise over the past couple of months and are virtually non-existent for high school-aged kids. Let them play and have a normal school year. |
| no |
| No questions or concerns |
| N/A |
| No |
| My biggest concern is for the student-athletes and them not having school and football. Football is a huge reason why a lot of kids go to school and are motivated to do well in school. I am afraid that we are going to do serious harm to our student-athletes if we don't have football. Our jobs as coaches will become more difficult if we don't have a season. |
| I'm just trying to control what I can control and get the boys ready for our season, whatever it may look like. |
| Nope, excited to hopefully have a season! |
| No |
| Nope, excited to hopefully have a season! |
| No |
| No |
| No. |
| Also what happens with a breakout on a team during the season? What happens with those games that might have to be cancelled/forfeited? |
| Many questions. None are being answered by the MSHSL. What happens if one student athlete is infected? What happens when a coach is infected? How is transportation to away games to be handled? How are locker rooms to be handled? Will fans be able to come to the games? NOTHING has been provided to us. |
| Nope |
| No |
| Yes... I think small schools will not be able to field teams in the spring. |
| No |

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| I am not in favor of spring at all. It would be bad for all the small schools that share athletes and coaches. From the sounds of it the MSHSL last Thursday was not looking at that anyway as a possibility. |
| No questions or concerns. |
| I would separate the games by 2 weeks to allow for some cases to clear so that a team does not have to stop practicing or miss a game. |
| n/a |
| LIKE THE STATES THAT SURROUND US LETS PLAY FOOTBALL! |
| Not at this time. |
| I am hoping we can get at least our section playoffs in |
| No |
| TO NOT CANCEL THE SPORT COMPLETELY. |
| None |
| Let us know ASAP |
| I am concerned over the high consideration I've heard from administrators and decision makers over what colleges are doing. They travel out of state for games and draw their student bodies from everywhere in the country. Those concerns aren't valid for us as high school. We generally don't travel out of state for games and have student populations from local communities. |
| I'm good |
| No. Many things need to be determined prior to playing this fall. Still anxious about what will happen IF (not when unfortunately) someone(s) test positive. |
| If we start and try to play ball in the fall it would be great to have contingency plans in place for if we have to shut down the season early on or midway through |
| no |
| No |
| I know this is not a question but if it is determined that we can not play this fall, I think it is imperative that we create opportunities for our kids to practice/train in some kind of way with their teammates. |
| No questions or concerns. |
| No |
| No |
| None |
| Again I suggest move fall to spring and spring sports to summer. Seems like a no brainer. |
| no |
| Making sure we get a Full season in, whether fall or spring is my main priority |