

Fall 2020 Planning: Athletics & Campus Events

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Dear LSSU Community,

The sixth in our Fall 2020 planning communiques focuses on **Athletics & Campus Events**. The foundation for our plan is built upon the four pillars, shared in our first message:

1. **Social Distancing:** Maintain six feet of distance from those around you when possible.
2. **Mask/ Face Covering:** Wear a mask or face covering when in enclosed, public locations and/or when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
3. **Sanitization:** Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds multiple times each day or use hand sanitizer of at least 60% alcohol. Sanitize your desk, workstation twice daily, high-frequency touch surfaces, and living spaces with wipes found across campus.
4. **Personal/ Social Responsibility:** Actively encourage those around you to adhere to these pillars while doing so yourself. Remember, we are in this together and we all have a role to play in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

The Department of Athletics established a return to play protocol in coordination with the LSSU COVID-19 Response Team for our student-athletes, coaches, and support personnel. The protocol includes guidance about pre-activity screening; daily assessments; facility capacity for student-athletes, coaches, and personnel (e.g., weight room, training room, courts); hygiene guidelines; cleaning and sanitization requirements; and COVID-19 testing.

Intercollegiate Athletics events are set to proceed during their regularly recurring seasons, but with the uncertainty prompted by COVID-19, schedules have not been finalized. Depending on environmental conditions, the NCAA, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (GLIAC), or the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) may modify the duration and timing of seasons, locations for travel, and the nature of competition and attendance. We are monitoring the national landscape and will follow the guidance of local, state, and federal authorities, as well as the NCAA and our two athletic conferences for all decisions related to intercollegiate athletic activity.

Guidelines for attending Laker Athletics events, which will include the allowable facilities capacities, have not yet been established, but will follow guidance of local, state, and federal authorities, as well as the NCAA and our two athletic conferences.

LSSU welcomes groups not affiliated with the University to utilize spaces on-campus, in alignment with Governor Whitmer's [Executive Order 2020-115](#). Capacity for indoor social gatherings and organized events is up to 50 people, while outdoor social gatherings and organized events is up to 250 people. All groups are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflect LSSU's Four Pillars and align with the local, state, and federal safety guidelines, especially in regard to social distancing and wearing face coverings. Planning of all Fall 2020 events for both affiliated and unaffiliated groups comply with these guidelines. We realize, however, that the recommendations by local, state, and federal officials may alter this in the future.

This information is reflective of our current planning. Assessment will be ongoing, and updates will occur as necessary. We continually monitor the effects of COVID-19 on our operations and

evaluate our response accordingly. As modifications are made, we will keep you updated. Safety is among our topmost priorities. Please embrace your responsibility to keep our community safe.

Sincerely,

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