



NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE

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NMMI plan for intercollegiate sports Spring 2021

The New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI) has extensive protocols for maintaining a safe and protected environment for our cadets. All cadets are tested upon arrival and undergo daily screening. All team members are housed with other members of the same team. NMMI cadets are not allowed to leave the protected campus except for medical care. Visitors are not allowed on campus. NMMI will abide by all current public health orders

NMMI will follow all applicable National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) requirements and all Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) or Southwest Junior College Football Conference (SWJCFC) requirements as pertaining to Covid-19 safe practices.

Testing

- A. NMMI will conduct testing in accordance with the NMMI will conduct testing in accordance with the NMDOH / NMHED **COVID-Safe Practices for Intercollegiate Sports, dated 18 January, 2021.**
- B. NMMI will conduct surveillance testing of all athletes and staff members who are engaged in practices or competition.
- C. NMMI will provide continually updated rosters of athletes tested and test results to the HED.
- D. Athletes and staff members will test within 48 hours prior to travelling out of state, any athlete or staff member who tests positive will not be allowed to travel.
- E. Athletes and staff members will test within 48 hours of arrival in New Mexico and will quarantine until they receive results. All positive and negative test results will be reported to the appropriate state agencies weekly.
- F. NMMI will test and quarantine upon arrival to New Mexico, pending results.
- G. If an individual tests positive, he or she shall isolate and contact tracing shall ensue immediately to mitigate an outbreak.

Spectators / Visitors

- A. Intercollegiate practices, trainings, games, scrimmages and competitions will occur without spectators until and unless the public health order is modified. This includes but is not limited to recruiters, staff members not associated with the team, family members, and any member of the general public.
- B. Only athletes and relevant staff member shall be allowed to participate in practices, trainings, games, competitions, scrimmages, and recovery sessions. All persons must wear a mask, indoors and outdoors, and all individuals on the

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sidelines, including athletes and staff must adhere to six feet of social distancing at all times.

- C. Any team visiting New Mexico Military Institute to play a game or scrimmage must immediately travel to the place of lodging upon arrival and remain there until it is time to travel to the field, arena or stadium to play.
- D. All visiting team members and staff shall have meals delivered to their rooms or place of lodging.
- E. All visiting team members and staff shall receive a negative COVID-19 test result prior to arrival. This must be completed through a PCR test and must be completed with 72 hours prior to arrival or they will be offered testing upon arrival in Roswell.
- F. The NMMI will to the best of its ability ensure that the visiting team follows all rules and protocols to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of the public.

Masks

- A. Masks shall be worn at all times (over nose mouth and chin) by all parties including, but not limited to players, coaches, trainers, other relevant staff member, and visiting teams on the sidelines. Referees shall wear a mask at all times. The only exception is for players on the field of play

Facilities

- A. Gyms, weight rooms and recovery rooms will operate at no greater than 25% maximum occupancy or as subsequent Health Orders dictate.

COVID-Safe Practices

- A. All NMMI intercollegiate, teams, athletes, coaches, trainers, staff members and visiting teams shall follow all COVID-safe practices. This includes wearing a mask and maintaining six feet of social distancing at all times including in gyms, weight rooms, locker rooms, recovery rooms, etc.
- B. Athletes are not allowed to leave the NMMI Campus except for medical appointments. Staff members may only leave a residence or place of lodging for essential purposes, including essential personal duties, medical care, participate in training, practices, games, competitions, scrimmages and other team functions, or attend educational programming as required by the school.
- C. Athletes and staff members may not participate in mass gatherings outside of practice and competitive play. This includes any and all social gatherings.
- D. When traveling for away games and competitions, athletes, coaches, trainers and staff members shall immediately travel to the place lodging and remain there at all times until it is time to travel to the field, arena or stadium to play. Masks will be worn at all times. Meals will be delivered, teams will not eat meals in restaurants.
- E. All visiting team members and staff will have meals delivered to their rooms or place of lodging.

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- F. All requirements herein must be adhered to when traveling out of state for away games and competitions.

Outbreak

- G. If an outbreak occurs, the athletic program will cease operations and test all athletes, coaches, trainers, staff members and other points of contacts, as determined by contact tracing, immediately. All individuals will quarantine until they receive the test results. If an individual is COVID-19 positive, he or she must isolate per the guidance of the New Mexico Department of Health. Accommodations, such as housing and meals, will be provided by the school or athletic program to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to other team members, roommates, coaches, trainers, staff members and the community at large.
- H. An outbreak will be determined by the New Mexico Department of Health.
- Outbreak Policies and Procedures

Code of Conduct

- A. A code of conduct will be signed by school officials and all athletes (See attached) disciplinary action for violation of the code of conduct may result in, but is not limited to, a suspension for the entirety of the season which also includes training, practices and other team functions.
- B. The code of conduct must be observed at all times in both on-campus and off-campus settings.
- C. Coaches, trainers and staff members shall also adhere to a code of conduct (See Attached need this document).

Regents and Governing Boards

This plan has been reviewed and approved by the NMMI Board of Regents at their regularly scheduled meeting on 21 January, 2021, to ensure athletic programs, administrators, athletes, coaches, trainers and staff members fully comply with the State of New Mexico's COVID-Safe Practices for Intercollegiate Sports.

References:

- HED Memorandum regarding: COVID-Safe Practices for Intercollegiate Sports, dated 19 January, 2021.
- DOH/HED COVID Safe Practices for Intercollegiate Sports, updated 18 January, 2021.
- DOH Public Health Order of 30 December, 2020.
- NMMI COVID Spring Plan and Protocols
- NMMI COVID Student and Staff Code of Conducts