

ARCHIVE: COVID-19 Superintendent Call

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The following are questions asked by directors of schools during this call and the answers provided by the department. For additional guidance and up-to-the-minute supports, please check the TDOE website for more information:

<https://www.tn.gov/education/health-and-safety/update-on-coronavirus.html>.

Sports

- Question: With the dead period quickly approaching and ending July 5 and in light of the Governor's most recent Executive Order #38 requiring social distancing and the probation of "contact sports" aka football 1) What is the guidance for football practice on July 6 when athletes return, and 2) on July 27 when practice in pads is scheduled to begin?
 - **RESPONSE:** Executive Order 50, released on June 29, extended Executive Order 38 through August 29, 2020. The department has released some additional guidance from the Tennessee Department of Health, available, [here](#). We recommend working with your local health department and local board attorney to make determinations on sports practices and events
- For all sports related questions, we recommend districts work with their local board attorneys who can help ensure that all decisions on sporting practices and events are made in compliance with local health department guidance, Governor Lee's executive orders, and TSSAA/NFHS guidance. The Governor's Executive Order 50, released June 29, extended the state of emergency through August 29, 2020, and should be reviewed in making local determinations. External partners and organizations such as TSSAA may also prove useful in further understanding NFHS guidelines.