

LORI CULLER ATHLETICS

I'm Lori Culler, the athletic director and women's basketball coach. I wanted to take a few minutes to share some of the updates regarding our COVID-19 planning and the preparations we're making for fall as it relates to athletics.

We've been partnering with NAIA, our Crossroads League colleagues, and our sports medicine partners to develop and implement practices that provide a safe and healthy environment for you to participate in your sport.

These practices include directional and social distancing signage posted around the PLEX, and reminders about proper hygiene to help combat the spread of infection. We have also instituted protocols for monitoring and screening for symptoms, guidelines for best practices when using the various athletic facilities, and cleaning and sanitizing schedules.

Our Parkview partners have provided quality information regarding how to safely run practices, as well as helping us develop testing protocols after the NAIA mandate that athletes must be tested for COVID-19 prior to competition.

These and many other details are things we are working on to help keep you safe and healthy when you return to campus. There's no doubt that the 2019-2020 academic year threw us a nasty curveball, but we are doing everything possible to prepare for another year filled with success. We look forward to seeing you back on campus very soon.

The quick and dirty (what you need to know):

- All of the athletic people are collaborating together on how to best do this
- There will be many informative signs. Defy the stereotype. Read them.
- Schedules and guidelines will be implemented
- COVID-19 testing will happen prior to competition