



## HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### MEDIA RELEASE

#### HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCES PLAN TO RETURN TO PLAY FOR FALL ATHLETICS

**August 25th-** Appearing at the 11 AM Informal School Board meeting, Athletic Directors from each of the district's 5 high schools presented their plan for a return to play for fall sports in Hernando's schools.

Starting September 7th, football, volleyball, swimming, cross country and golf will begin their 2-week practice sessions. Competitions will begin the week of September 21st with the first football game scheduled for September 25th.

Hernando high schools will compete against Citrus schools for in-conference play. With the earlier start to the season, the district remains eligible to participate in the state playoff series.

Schools will implement additional safety protocols that include daily temperature checks for athletes and face coverings while on school transportation and where appropriate. Parents are not required to sign a Release from Liability form but are asked to indicate their understanding of the possibility of exposure to COVID-19.

To reinforce social distancing at games, schools will limit the number of tickets available for games. Both Hernando and Citrus will utilize an online ticket vendor to limit capacity to 25%. Parents are encouraged to visit their high schools' website for more details.