

Ohio State Pauses Voluntary Workouts Following Recent COVID-19 Tests



According to a statement released by the university, Ohio State will be pausing voluntary workouts for seven sports: football, men's and women's basketball, field hockey, men's and women's soccer and women's volleyball following the results of the most recent testing for COVID-19 in the student-athletes.

"The health and safety of our student-athletes is always our top priority," the statement said.

The statement also said that the university will not be releasing the total number of student-athletes that have tested positive for the coronavirus "as it could lead to the identification of specific individuals and compromise their medical privacy."

The Ohio State football team had previously returned to campus for voluntary workouts at the Woody Hayes Athletic Center on June 8 and were scheduled to start mandatory workouts on Monday thanks to the team's schedule starting on Sept. 5 against Bowling Green.

"If a student-athlete tests positive for COVID-19, he/she will self-isolate for at least 14 days and receive daily check-ups from the Department of Athletics medical staff," the statement said. "Student-athletes living alone will isolate in their residence. If they have roommates, they will self-isolate in a designated room on campus."

According to a report by Dave Biddle of Bucknuts, the voluntary workouts will be delayed for one week until July 15, but Ohio State is yet to confirm a timetable.

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