SAVE THE BRAIN

RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOL FOLLOWING CONCUSSION

Athlete's name______ Date of concussion_____

If asymptomatic, advance stages every: (12 and under) \square 72 hours

**A MINIMUM of 8 days recovery post-concussion is required to return to game competition. IF symptoms are getting worse or not going away, see your licensed health care provider. (13 and older) ☐ 24 hours (other) ____hours

* A mild and brief exacerbation of symptoms is defined as an increase of no more than 2 points on a 0-10 point scale (0=no symptoms and 10=worst symptoms imaginable) for less than an hour when compared to the baseline value reported prior to cognitive activity.

| see your licensed health care provider. | | | baseline value reported prior to cognitive activity. | |
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| Stage | Activity | Permitted Activities | Examples/Guidelines | Acknowledgment of Stage Completion with NO symptoms |
| 1 | Relative Rest (48 hrs) | Sleep Limited screen time Typical daily activities that do not result in more than a mild exacerbation of symptoms* | The key to recovery from a concussion is a gradual increase in brain and body activity, as long as symptoms are not more than mildly exacerbated* Time-limited social, cognitive, physical and screen time activities Casual walking, gradual increase in easy daily activities (bathing, cleaning) | student initials/date monitor initials/date |
| | | STOP | until able to return to school. | |
| 2 | Light Aerobic Exercise Very light to moderate activity | Pulse below 70% of max Non-contact activity that increases in intensity and speed in 20-minute increments | Able to talk when exercising, starting to sweat while monitoring symptoms (20-minute increments of walking, elliptical, stationary bike; NO lifting, NO contact) Activity that does not result in more than a mild | student initials/date |
| | | | exacerbation of symptoms | monitor initials/date |
| 3 | Moderate Exercise | Heart rate up to 80% of max | Running, change of direction, training drills, shooting, cones, jumping and sprints | |
| | | Sport-specific training Non-contact drills and activities at reduced speed | Light to moderate lifting Increased intensity and speed | student initials/date |
| | | Moderate effort | Activities in 20-40 min. increments that do not result in an exacerbation of symptoms Off to the side exercising during practice or event/class | monitor initials/date |
| Step | | | UTION of any symptoms, abnormalities in cognitive urrent concussion, including with and after physical | |
| 4 | Full Speed | Non-contact training drills in team environment, multiplayer training 100% effort Non-contact sport practice/PE class | High intensity, heavier lifting and more challenging sport specific drills at practice (dribbling, shooting, cones, jumping, sprints, etc.). Full aerobic activity in 30-60 minutes of continuous movement No game scrimmage or drills against other players. No symptoms before, during or after exercise. | student initials/date |
| 5 | Full Speed | Full contact practice Normal training activities and PE classes | No symptoms before, during or after exerciseNo competition game play at this stage | student initials/date |
| 6 | 2nd Full Speed | Full contact practice Normal training activities and PE classes | No symptoms before, during or after exercise. No competition game play at this stage. | monitor initials/date student initials/date monitor initials/date |
| | | | provider fills out Release to Participate Form. | |
| 7 | First GAM Full Return to Play - Game | Fully cleared by health care provider to return to normal activity, full | st be a MINIMUM of 8 days from date of concussion 100% effort Game ready | |
| | | completion of RTP Protocol | | ATC initials/date |

For more information and a listing of concussion-trained clinicians, go to logan.org/savethebrain or call the Concussion Clinic at (406) 758-7035.

