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ISU postpones fall football season because of pandemic

Indiana State University has postponed its football season out of concern for safety amid the COVID-19 pandemic and after consulting with the student-athletes.

It is still possible ISU will play football in the spring.

“This is a decision we had to make, especially after hearing from our student-athletes,” said ISU President Deborah Curtis. “We had two non-conference games that would have been beneficial financially. But now and always, our primary concern is the health and safety of the student-athletes.”

The Missouri Valley Football Conference on Friday night announced that the league’s President’s Council voted to postpone the conference season but allow up to three non-conference games in the fall. The league left open the possibility of a spring season culminating in a potential NCAA championship tournament.

“We all want college football as usual, and that will happen eventually,” said Sherard Clinkscales, ISU Director of Athletics. “But this isn’t the time, regardless of money. Our priority is always the wellbeing of student-athletes. They’ve expressed themselves, and we’ve been vigilant in monitoring the situation. We hope that we’ll have a spring season

Said ISU Head Football Coach Curt Mallory: “I am heartbroken for our football team right now, but postponing the fall season was the right decision. The safety and wellbeing of our student-athletes is and always will be our top priority. We will now work toward a possible spring football season and Championship.”

Like several other NCAA members, ISU suspended football practice and conditioning earlier this week for 14 days after six players tested positive for COVID-19.

The players are quarantined, as well as people with whom they have been in close contact.

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