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# Weekly



## Athletes on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic

Health care workers have become everything to COVID-19 patients: medical expert, lifesaver, emotional support provider and, all too often, the last person they physically see and touch. The country wouldn't work without these people putting their lives on the line to help others during this pandemic. They are one example of front-line workers across an array of industries who are doing just that. And many are using skills they honed playing college sports to help fight the disease that's changed our normal.

[Read the stories](#) of four former and current college athletes serving on the front lines of the pandemic.



## What it's like to live through a COVID-19 diagnosis

The latest episode of the [NCAA Social Series](#) welcomed guest Andrew Boselli, a Florida State football player and COVID-19 survivor. Boselli was diagnosed with COVID-19 after each of his parents contracted the virus. Now he is on the mend and has started to work out, while also spreading the word on how important it is for younger individuals to take the pandemic seriously.

The next NCAA Social Series will focus on managing your mental health through the COVID-19 pandemic. NCAA correspondent Andy Katz will be joined by Dr. Brian Hainline, NCAA chief medical officer; Dr. Claudia Reardon, professor of psychiatry at Wisconsin; and Caroline Lee, a former swimmer at Southeastern Louisiana and student-athlete liaison to the [NCAA COVID-19 Advisory Panel](#). The interview premieres at 7 p.m. Eastern time Friday on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

If you missed any of the first four episodes of the NCAA Social Series, you can find them at [ncaa.org](#).



## Division I and II members adjust initial-eligibility requirements

The NCAA Eligibility Center [announced last week](#) that high school students intending to play Division I or II sports whose final semesters of their senior year were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic will have several pathways to meet the NCAA's initial-eligibility requirements this year.

"We understand this is an unprecedented situation and a difficult time for students and their parents, and the [Eligibility Center](#) is working diligently to ensure the best possible outcome for college-bound student-athletes and our member schools," said Felicia Martin, vice president of the NCAA Eligibility Center.

Martin shed light on the questions surrounding initial eligibility in the latest "Inside the NCAA" video podcast on [YouTube](#), [Apple Podcasts](#) and [SoundCloud](#).

## Did you know?

The NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel recently approved rules changes for football, soccer and field hockey.

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