

**Greenwood School District Athletic Department
Participation Acknowledgement for Communicable Diseases Including COVID-19**

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented athletics across the world with a myriad of challenges. The COVID-19 virus is a highly contagious illness that primarily attacks the upper respiratory system. The virus that causes COVID-19 can infect people of all ages. Research from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), among others, has found that while children do get infected by COVID-19, relatively few children with COVID-19 are hospitalized. However, some severe outcomes have been reported in children, and a child with a mild or even asymptomatic case of COVID-19 can spread the infection to others who may be far more vulnerable. While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of COVID-19, the current science suggests there are many steps schools can take to reduce the risks to students, coaches, and their families.

The Greenwood School District will implement the necessary precautions, recommendations, and requirements from the federal, state, and local governments, CDC, PA Department of Health, as well as the NFHS and PIAA. The School District realizes that knowledge regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing as new information and treatments become available. The following precautions will be implemented and adjusted as needed as new information becomes available, in order to decrease the risk of exposure for our staff, students, and spectators, to include but not be limited to:

1. Athletes, Coaches, and Staff will undergo a COVID-19 health screening prior to any practice, event, or team meeting. The type of screening will be dependent upon the available resources and the Phase level. The purpose is to check for signs and symptoms of COVID-19, and will include a questionnaire and temperature check, as needed.
2. The Coaches and Staff will promote and Athletes, Coaches, and Staff will implement healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing, using hand sanitizer, cough in your elbow, avoid touching eyes, nose, face and mouth, and support etiquette that includes no spitting, no gum chewing, and no Handshakes/Celebrations (high fives, fist/elbow bumps, chest bumps, hugging).
3. The School District will intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation in all facilities.
4. Athletes, Coaches, and Staff will encourage social distancing with and between Athletes through increased spacing, small groups, and limited mixing between groups, if feasible.
5. The School District Coaches and Staff will educate Athletes, Coaches, and Staff on health and safety protocols
6. Anyone (Athletes, Coaches, or Staff) who is sick will stay home from a District event (practice, scrimmage, etc.).
7. Coaches and staff will operate with a plan for if a student or employee gets sick while attending a District event.
8. The School District will regularly communicate and monitor developments with local authorities, employees, and families regarding cases, exposures, and updates to policies and procedures.
9. Athletes, Coaches, and Staff will provide their own water bottle for hydration. Water bottles will not be shared. **Refill Stations and Water Fountains will NOT BE Initially AVAILABLE!**
10. PPE (gloves, masks, eye protection) will be used as needed and situations warrant, or determined by local/state governments. Face Coverings will be used for athletes while practicing and competing.
11. The District will identify Staff and students who may be at a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 due to underlying medical conditions. (See – CDC “People Who are at a High Risk for Severe Illness”).

In consideration of the above requirements, I, on behalf of the Student, and I, the Student, acknowledge the following:

- Participating in voluntary out-of-season workouts may include a possible exposure to a communicable disease, including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. I/Student must be an active participant in my/his/her own healthcare.
- In consideration of my/his/her voluntary involvement in workouts, I have had an opportunity to carefully read the current CDC Guidelines for COVID-19 virus related health risks and understand the recommended precautions, along with the above requirements.
- I voluntarily and willingly choose to have Student participate in returning to District workouts.

-I willingly agree to comply with all procedures, protocols, and requirements put into place by the District in order to provide for safe athletic participation, to keep myself and others safe, and to limit and reduce the exposure to and spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases.

-I knowingly and voluntarily assume all risks related to the COVID-19 virus. I acknowledge that while particular recommendations and personal discipline may reduce the risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist and I assume full responsibility for my/his/her participation.

Sport: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Student Athlete: _____ Date: _____

*Parents/Guardians may request a full copy of Greenwood's Resocialization of Sports Recommendations. Contact Adam Sheaffer A.D./Asst. Prin. at asheaffer@greenwoodsd.org