

Trenton Public Schools
COVID-19 Parent/Student-Extracurricular/Sport Informed Consent

The United States is currently using physical distancing; face mask utilization, stay-at-home guidelines - as well as hygiene and cleaning regimes as the primary means of preventing the spread of COVID-19 - a highly contagious and virulent disease, especially for the elderly and for individuals with preexisting pulmonary and cardiovascular disease. COVID-19 has penetrated all 50 states, with variable rates of community infection, hospitalization and death.

Each Trenton Public School extracurricular and athletic sport program has developed a plan under the direction and following the recommendations of the MHSAA, Trenton athletic department and school administration to keep our students and staff as safe as possible. As we begin the upcoming athletic season various regimes mentioned above may, due to the nature of extracurricular participation / sports and competition, be reduced or eliminated altogether. **This letter is an attempt to make you aware of the mitigation program, gain your cooperation in its implementation and also to make you aware that, participation in extracurricular programs and athletics will increase the risk of being exposed to, contracting, and or spreading the COVID-19 virus.**

By my signature and my child's participation I acknowledge the following:

1. I understand that my child is not required to participate in the Trenton Public School's extracurricular/interscholastic athletic program. Participation is voluntary.
2. By sending my child to participate in in-person extracurricular/athletic practices and competitions, I acknowledge my understanding that my child may be at risk of COVID-19 exposure, which increases the risk that my child may contract or even transmit COVID-19 to others.
3. I understand those risks and make the decision to send my child to the in-person extracurricular/athletic program knowingly and freely.
4. I also understand that by choosing to participate in the extracurricular/athletic program, my child and my family will be required to comply with social distancing, mitigation, and screening requirements as recommended by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders, and school policy as more fully explained in this Agreement.
 - I understand that my child will be required to properly wear a face mask at times while at school and on the school bus, excluding when eating and while participating in physical exertion that makes wearing a mask impractical.
 - I agree to provide my child with a clean face mask each day. If my child cannot medically tolerate a face mask, I will provide a signed letter from my child's physician explaining why my child cannot medically tolerate a face mask.
 - I agree that my child will be required to complete a health questionnaire each day before being allowed to participate. The health questionnaire will consist of a self-report on possible exposures, symptoms, and a required temperature check (taken by a coach or school employee). I agree to make myself aware of the questionnaire and encourage honesty on the questionnaire. I agree that I will not send my child to participate if my child shows symptoms of COVID-19 identified on the questionnaire.
 - I will immediately report to the school principal, athletic director or coach if my child tests positive for COVID-19, any other household member tests positive for COVID-19, my child has been in close contact with a person who tests positive for COVID-19, I suspect my child is positive for COVID-19, or if I suspect my child has been in close contact with another person who may be positive for COVID-19.



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- I understand that practices to reduce the possible spread of COVID-19 may be required of my child. These could include, but are not limited to, frequent hand washing/sanitizing, temperature checks, disinfecting my child's work area/practice items, and lessons on healthy practices.
- If my child develops symptoms while participating in extracurricular /athletics, I understand that my child will be quarantined until a parent contact is made and will be required to be picked up/go home immediately.
- I understand that the District will follow the Health Department guidelines on self-quarantining protocols. This means that my child could be required to self-quarantine at home due to an exposure, a fever, or any other reason provided in the guidelines.
- I understand that I am voluntarily choosing for my child (or for myself as a student athlete if I am over 18 years of age) to participate in the in-person extracurricular/athletic program. By making this choice, I understand that compliance with this agreement is mandatory. If non-compliance occurs, I understand that my child will be temporarily excluded or removed permanently from the program.

During participation in most extracurricular/athletic program participation it is impossible to maintain social distancing. It is also impractical to wear face coverings such as masks, face shields etc.

The programs **will implement** the following protocols - daily symptom screening including temperature checks, disinfection protocols for equipment during (as possible) and after practices and competitions, eliminate team water providing devices, and ban spitting.

All programs **will implement these protocols as often as possible and when practical** - social distancing, face cover wearing (participants and coaches etc.), eliminate sharing equipment, minimize or eliminate the use of shared supplies, and utilize distance learning as a substitute for team meetings/gatherings when possible.

Signatures:

Parent #1

Parent #2

Student-Athlete

Date

Athletic Director

Head Coach

Reference Trenton Board of Education Policy Manual
Section 8000 Operations
Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases
Code po8450