

**East Penn School District Athletic Department
Participation Waiver 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, 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 EPSD will take the necessary precautions and recommendations from the federal, state, and local governments, CDC, PA DOH, as well as the PIAA. The EPSD realizes the knowledge regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing as new information and treatments become available. These recommendations include but may not be limited to the recommendations and information outlined in the East Penn School District Athletic Department Return to Sport COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan.

I understand that participating in athletic programs, events, and activities may include a possible exposure to a communicable disease including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While particular recommendations and personal discipline may reduce the risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist. I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of others, and assume full responsibility for my participation. I willingly agree to comply with the stated recommendations put forth by the SD to limit the exposure and spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases.

Prior to my participation I, as the parent/guardian, have reviewed the CDC's "Consideration for Youth Sports"
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>.

Sport: _____ Grade: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Student-Athlete: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Student-Athlete: _____ Date: _____