

Lampeter-Strasburg School District

Participation Waiver for Communicable Diseases Including COVID-19

* Please complete the following and return to a member of your coaching staff immediately. Failure to complete and return this form will exclude the student-athlete from participation. Thank you.

Name of Student: _____

Sport: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Student Athlete: _____ Date: _____

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The consequences of the COVID-19 virus presents athletic programs and participants with a myriad of challenges. This highly contagious illness primarily attacks the upper respiratory system. 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.

It is not possible to eliminate all of the risk of the COVID-19 virus and its spread. The School District will take reasonable precautions to reduce those risks by complying with the guidelines of the federal, state, and local governments, CDC, PA DOH, as well as the NFHS and PIAA. As knowledge regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing, LSSD reserves the right to adjust and implement precautionary methods as necessary to further decrease the risk of exposure for our staff, students, and spectators. Some precautionary methods in the LSSD Resocialization of Sports Recommendations include but may not be limited to:

1. Health screenings prior to any practice, event, or team meeting with participation in the activities being limited and/or prohibited where an individual displays positive responses or symptoms.
2. Encourage social distancing and promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing, using hand sanitizer, etc.
3. Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation in all facilities.
4. Educate Students and Staff on health and safety protocols.
5. Require Students and Staff to provide their own water bottle for hydration.

By signing this form, the undersigned, individually and on behalf of the undersigned's student, voluntarily agrees to the following waiver and release of liability. The undersigned agrees to release and fully discharge all claims for ourselves, our heirs, and as a parent or legal guardian for the Student named below, against the LSSD, its Board of Directors, successors, assigns, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers and will hold each of them harmless from any and all liability or demands for personal injury, psychological injury, sickness, death, or claims resulting from personal injury or property damage, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the Student or the undersigned relating to or as a result of the Student's participation in athletic programs, events, and activities for COVID-19 related claims and injuries, including any claims of negligence by the School District and its agents, servants, volunteers and employees.

The undersigned acknowledges that participation in athletic programs, events, and activities is a voluntary activity and may include a possible exposure to a communicable viral disease including, but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. The undersigned further acknowledges that he/she is aware of the risks associated with COVID-19 and that certain vulnerable individuals may have greater health risks associated with exposure to COVID-19, including individuals with serious underlying health conditions such as, but not limited to: high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, asthma, and those whose immune systems that are compromised by chemotherapy for cancer, and other conditions requiring such therapy. While particular recommendations and personal discipline may reduce the risks associated with participating in athletics during the COVID-19 pandemic, the risk of serious illness, medical complications and possible death does exist.

The undersigned, individually and on behalf of the undersigned's student, knowingly and freely assumes all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of others, and assume full responsibility for our student's participation in athletics. As a condition of participating in the athletic activity, we agree that our student shall comply with the stated recommendations put forth by the LSSD to limit the risk of exposure to and spread of COVID-19 virus and other communicable diseases. We certify that our student is in good physical condition or believe our student to be in good physical condition and allow his/her participation in this sport is voluntary and the result of our conscious and deliberate decision.