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## **Spring Athletic Addendum**

The COVID-19 pandemic has been and continues to be an ever-changing and developing situation. It appears as if the positivity rates are decreasing as well as reduced community transmission in our county. This offers hope that we can have a successful Spring season as we continue to follow our approved Health and Safety Plan and continue to monitor and adjust as new guidance emerges.

The season for Spring Athletic Competition, as outlined by the PIAA, officially starts on March 8, 2021. Currently, most of the Commonwealth, including the Central League, is planning on adopting this start date and following the traditional scheduling and timeline for the Spring 2021 season.

All requirements related to continued participation in Spring sports will be subject to change based on guidance and continued input from the Chester County Health Department (CCHD), PIAA, Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH), and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). We will also be adopting weekly assurance testing for Boys and Girls Lacrosse sports as they are considered “high-contact” sports.

Also, the Commonwealth changed its mandates on capacity on March 1, 2021. Currently, the order allows for 15% of indoor capacity and 20% outdoor capacity. Our plan will adjust as needed to accommodate changes in mandates.

<b>Timeline</b>	
March 8th	Practices Begin
March 15th	Scrimmages Begin
March 22nd	Competitions Begin
May 17th	Last week of Regular Season
May 22nd	Post-Season begins.

### **Lacrosse (Boys and Girls)**

- Masks: Coaches and staff must be masked at all times. Athletes will be masked when not competing (to and from practices and while on the bench, etc.)
- Assurance Testing: Members of both the Boys and Girls Lacrosse teams will be tested weekly for COVID-19. A *Parental Consent Waiver* has been added to the “Spring 2020-21 Spring Athletics Registration” in FamilyID.
- Gathering size: Gatherings will continue to follow guidance from the CCHD, PDE, PA DOH, and County Government. Our plan will adjust to meet the guidance from these agencies.
- When Upper Darby begins competitions:
  - Upper Darby will follow the mask mandates/recommendations at that time.
  - Upper Darby will follow the competitive masking policies set forth by the opposing school.
  - Spectators: There will be **no** students (K-12) permitted to attend Spring sporting events. Two adult spectators per athlete for both home and away games will be permitted. Spectators must present an approved Spectator pass and must sign-in. Spectators must be masked and maintain social distancing.
  - Locker Rooms: Locker Room access is not needed

### **Baseball/ Softball**

- Masks: Coaches and staff must be masked at all times.
  - Athletes will be masked when not competing (to and from practices and while on the bench, in the dugout, etc.)
- Gathering Size: Gatherings will continue to follow guidance from the CCHD, PDE, PA DOH, and County Government. Our plan will always adjust to meet

the guidance from these agencies.

- When Upper Darby begins competitions:
  - Upper Darby will follow the mask mandates/recommendations at that time.
  - Upper Darby will follow the competitive masking policies set forth by the opposing school.
  - Spectators: (no students K-12) 2 Adult Spectators per athlete, both home and away. Spectators must present an approved Spectator pass. Spectators must be masked and maintain social distancing.
  - Locker Rooms: Locker Rooms access is not needed.

### **Tennis**

- Masks: Coaches and staff must be masked at all times. Athletes will be masked when not competing (to and from practices and while on the bench, etc.)
- Gathering size: Gatherings will continue to follow guidance from the CCHD, PDE, PA DOH, and County Government. Our plan will always adjust to meet the guidance from these agencies.
- If/When Upper Darby begins competitions:
  - Upper Darby will follow the mask mandates/recommendations at that time.
  - Spectators: (no students K-12) 2 Adult Spectators per athlete, both home and away. Spectators must present an approved Spectator pass during random checks. Spectators must be masked and maintain social distancing. Spectators must stay on the outside of the tennis court fencing.
  - Locker Rooms: Locker Rooms access is not needed.

### **Track and Field (Boys and Girls)**

- Masks: Coaches and staff must be masked at all times. Athletes will be masked when not competing (to and from practices and while on the bench.
- Gathering size: Gatherings will continue to follow guidance from the CCHD, PDE, PA DOH, and County Government. Our plan will always adjust to meet the guidance from these agencies.
- If/When Upper Darby begins competitions:
  - Upper Darby will follow the mask mandates/recommendations at that time.
  - Spectators: (no students K-12) No Spectators for League meets. We will adjust spectator allowance for “Invitationals” depending upon the number of teams, entries, and capacity limitations at that time. All Spectators will be required to sign-in.
  - Locker Rooms: Locker Room access is not needed

**Waiver Requirement**

The “Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19” has been added to the “2020-2021 Spring UDHS Athletics Registration” FamilyID and is required before participation.

[PIAA Return to Competition: Spring](#)