Springfield School District Athletic/Activities COVID-19/Coronavirus
Procedural Implementation Plan
September 29th, 2020

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The Springfield School District will move forward with athletics, in conjunction with the Central League. PIAA announced the beginning of the state’s fall season to be August 24, 2020, but participation is based on local school decisions. The Central League announced the postponement of fall sports, based on the Chester County Health Department’s recommendation, on August 28th, 2020. In light of recent guidance changes from the Chester County Health Department, the Springfield School District has created this Health and Safety Plan to ensure our student-athletes can compete this fall.

This week, the Central League, in unison with its Athletic Directors and District Administration worked collaboratively to create a systematic and phased approach to the staggered return to competitive sports for the Fall 2020 season. Pre-season practices will begin September 29th.

In lieu of competing in PIAA playoff events, the Central League will construct culminating events for all sports to enrich the experience for our student-athletes.

The Springfield School District will adopt PIAA sport-specific rule modifications. Interscholastic competition between schools will occur in accordance with this Health & Safety Plan. We recognize that the ultimate measure of accomplishment this year will be excellent teamwork. A good teammate will stay home when they’re sick, wear a mask, practice social distancing, wash their hands, use good judgement, and make responsible decisions for the health and safety of their teammates, classmates, coaches, and the entire community.

In the event of a positive COVID-19 test of an athlete, coach, or school official, families will be notified immediately. In addition, the individual will be prohibited from attending workouts for 14 days.

Given information with COVID and Myocarditis, SSD encourages student-athletes who were COVID positive at any point, to be evaluated by their health physician prior to returning to athletics.
Springfield School District Health and Safety Plan Guidelines

Pre workout checklist
1 - Confirm workout areas have been disinfected by custodial staff protocols, via email
2 - Designated area for student athletes to park and enter facility
3 - Each student and coach will be screened individually, prior to entering facility
4 - All students and school personnel will be required to wear facial coverings to and from workout/competition
5 - Players will not be required to wear facial coverings during the workout/competition
6 - School personnel must wear facial coverings when they are not able to properly social distance
7 - No locker room use
8 - All student-athletes are required to hand in full physical prior to pre-season practices (9/29)

During workout protocols
1 - Frequent sanitizing of equipment and athletes
2 - SSD will follow spectator guidelines as presented by the PIAA
3 - Players will not be required to wear facial coverings during the workout
4 - School personnel must wear face coverings when they are not able to properly social distance
5 - Social distancing when possible
6 - No locker room use
7 - No shared water containers. Each student is responsible for providing their own hydration.
8 - Football players will have Schutt Splash guards connected to football helmets
9 - Volleyball players will wear face covering during all activities, at all times
10 - All players outdoors, not involved in activity, will wear face covering

Post workout procedures
1 - Students are required to take home all personal equipment and belongings and exit the facility through designated areas. Each athlete is encouraged to disinfect clothing and equipment daily
2 - School personnel will disinfect all areas of usage after the competition of each workout.
3 - School personnel must wear face coverings when they are not able to properly social distance
4 - Students must wear face coverings as they exit the facility