

**MILLERSBURG-UPPER DAUPHIN AREA
SPORTS COOPERATIVE**

August 13, 2020

This statement is being issued jointly by the Millersburg Area School District and Upper Dauphin Area School District. Late yesterday, the Millersburg Area School District became aware of a confirmed case of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) affecting one of its student-athletes. The school district notified the Pennsylvania Department of Health and followed the guidance it received.

The student-athlete is quarantined and is recovering at home. The individual in question did have contact with other members of the Millersburg Area girls' soccer teams within the past fourteen days. Those that were identified as close contacts have been notified by their respective school district.

The Millersburg Area School District and Upper Dauphin Area School District have extracurricular health and safety plans in place and those plans are being used by coaches as part of off-season workouts. The school districts have also been monitoring the increase of COVID-19 cases in the northern Dauphin County area, and that increase remains very low. The contact occurred at group workouts that were not conducted by school staff and were not held on school property.

The Millersburg Area School District and Upper Dauphin Area School District both value their athletics and extracurricular programs and understand the importance of these programs to the development of the whole-child. The school districts also understand the seriousness of the current public health pandemic and are doing everything within their power to curb the spread within their respective school communities.

Yesterday, the Tri-Valley Athletic Association voted to postpone the start of the fall sports practices until August 31, 2020 and the Mid Penn Conference had already postponed fall sports practices until September 4, 2020. Out of an abundance of caution, to protect the ability to open schools on time, and to attempt to preserve the actual sports season for our student-athletes, the Millersburg Area School District and Upper Dauphin Area School District will not conduct any out-of-season workouts or practices until August 31, 2020. The school districts will evaluate the situation at that point and determine whether to proceed with activities.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during these unprecedented times.