

**Millersburg Area School District and Upper Dauphin Area School District Sports Cooperative
Joint Statement on Extracurricular Activities
January 13, 2021**

The Millersburg Area and Upper Dauphin Area School Districts continue to evaluate the evolving COVID-19 Pandemic as it relates to student and staff safety, student learning, and extracurricular activities. The following steps are being taken to help ensure the continuation of extracurricular activities while preserving student and staff safety and in-person learning periods. These decisions will be reevaluated at the end of January and another addendum will be issued for the month of February.

Effective immediately and continuing through January 31, 2021 this Addendum to Extracurricular Health and Safety Plans is being issued to include the following restrictions:

- If a school district needs to move to remote education, extracurricular activities will not occur during the time of remote education for that school district.
- Coaches and student-athletes will wear face coverings at all times including during contests and while on the playing surface.
 - Any student-athlete wishing to receive a medical exemption to this restriction must go through the existing processes at the respective school district for a face covering exemption.
 - Coaches must carry face covering exemption paperwork to all contests.
 - Any coach or non-exempted student found to be consistently not following face covering orders may face sanctions up to and including dismissal from the program.
- Teams within the school districts will not participate against any team that does not enforce the face covering order identified above.
- Parents and other fans will not be allowed at home contests.
- Parents and other fans are advised to check the spectator rules for opposing schools prior to traveling to those schools.
- With the exception of use by members of winter sports teams, use of strength and conditioning facilities is suspended.
- Any activities that are not directly operated by the school district and school district staff are suspended.
- Open gym and organized team activities for fall and spring activities are suspended.

To minimize the impact of not allowing fans within the venue, contests will be livestreamed through the Trojan Broadcasting Network ([Trojan Broadcast Network - YouTube](#)).

The goals of the school districts remain: preserve the health and safety of students and staff, preserve current and future plans for in-person learning, and prevent the full suspension of winter extracurricular activities. It is the belief of the administrative teams of both school districts that these steps will help the districts meet those goals. The administration asks for continued patience as we work through this very challenging time of substantial COVID-19 community spread.