

**Millersburg Area School District and Upper Dauphin Area School District Sports Cooperative
Joint Statement on Extracurricular Activities
April 1, 2021**

Effective April 3, 2021, the addendum issued March 9, 2021 is amended as follows (changes in bold/underlined):

The Millersburg Area and Upper Dauphin Area School Districts are continuously monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic including community transmission. Although there has been progress made with vaccine distribution, declining transmission, and the reduction of some government restrictions, transmission within both school districts' attendance areas is still considered substantial. In addition, although some restrictions have been reduced, there are still restrictions in place from the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Consequently, this latest addendum to the Extracurricular Health and Safety Plans is intended to provide operating guidelines for spring sports that are indicative of the current status of the pandemic. Please note that this addendum does not address prom or graduation as these will be addressed in addendums to the Health and Safety Plan of each separate district.

Effective March 9, 2021 and continuing through **May 31, 2021**, the Extracurricular Health and Safety Plans are modified as follows:

- Spectators will be allowed at baseball, softball, and track and field meets with the following restrictions:
 - For track and field:
 - Two spectator passes will be issued to each participant.
 - Additional spectators will be allowed up to a maximum of fifty on a first-come, first-entry basis.
 - For baseball and softball, the districts ask that only two spectators per participant attend the games.
 - This includes spectators from both the home school and away school.
 - The districts ask that everyone respect the desire of parents to watch their children play and that other students, family, and general community members do not attempt to attend games.
 - All spectators are asked to sit in a socially distanced manner and wear face coverings.
 - Junior Varsity participants should not attend Varsity games and Varsity participants should not attend Junior Varsity games unless they are dressed in uniform and rostered for the event.
 - No concession stands will be allowed at this time.
- Open gyms and organized team activities for fall and winter extracurricular activities will be allowed as follows:
 - Open gyms for fall and winter sports may begin March 9, 2021:
 - Open gyms will be limited to two non-consecutive days per week.
 - Indoor open gyms will be limited to ten participants at a time.
 - Outdoor open gyms will be limited to twenty participants at a time.
 - Teams with larger numbers must divide the team into shifts or multiple sessions with no more than the number specified in any single area.
 - No participant in spring extracurricular activities may participate in an open gym for fall or winter extracurricular activities unless the spring season is officially completed.
 - Teams may not enter facilities while other teams are holding practices/open gyms.
 - Holding open gyms or activities off of school property is not allowed.
- Use of strength and conditioning facilities will be allowed **before and** after school, but will be limited to ten students at a time.
 - Teams with larger numbers must divide the team into shifts or multiple sessions with no more than ten in the room at any single time.
 - Student-athletes may use the strength and conditioning facilities Monday through Friday only.

- Student-athletes must work in pods of no more than four individuals that they work with throughout the remainder of the spring season.
- Student-athletes must minimize interaction between pods and keep six feet of distance between pods as much as possible.
- Student-athletes must wipe down their area/bench before moving to another area using provided wipes and sprays.
- Student-athletes should use hand sanitizer upon entry to the room and as needed when moving to different equipment.
- Student-athletes may bring their own drinking bottle, but may not share drinking bottles or containers.
- All participants in spring extracurricular activities, open gyms and strength and conditioning activities must undergo daily COVID-19 screening prior to use.
- All rules pertaining to face coverings apply to open gyms, team activities, and strength and conditioning activities.
- Participants should not be using the ice machines at this time.
- Outdoor practices for youth sports teams operated by non-district personnel may request to use the outdoor facilities through existing processes as long as all face covering and social distancing rules contained in this document are followed.

Please note that the following restrictions are still in place:

- 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.
- If positive cases on a team or opponent team occur, the administrative teams will work with the PA Department of Health to determine the recommended course of action regarding quarantines and suspension of activities.
- Coaches and student-athletes will wear face coverings at all times with the following exceptions:
 - **Students participating in sports outside may remove their face coverings when they are actively engaged in a contest or practice drill.**
 - **Students not actively engaged in a contest or practice drill must wear face coverings.**
 - **Actively engaged in a contest or practice drill means physically participating in the actual event (i.e. running, throwing, jumping, fielding, hitting, and pitching).**
 - **Face coverings:**
 - **must be worn while in the dugout or team area;**
 - **must be worn during team discussions with coaches before, during or after events/practices;**
 - **do not have to be worn while in the on-deck circle or bullpen;**
 - **do not have to be worn while moving to the starting position for a track event;**
 - **must be worn as soon as the heat/attempt is over; and**
 - **must be worn when you are not actively engaged in the sport.**
 - **Students participating in sports inside must wear face coverings at all times.**
 - Any coach or student found to be consistently not following face covering orders may face sanctions up to and including dismissal from the program.
- Parents and other fans are advised to check the spectator rules for opposing schools prior to traveling to those schools.
- Any indoor activities that are not directly operated by the school district and school district staff are still suspended.
- All adults must wear face coverings at all times.
- Adults should maintain six-foot distancing from participants as much as possible but may spot and assist student-athletes as needed.

To minimize the impact of not allowing additional fans within the venue, contests will be livestreamed through the Trojan Broadcasting Network ([Trojan Broadcast Network - YouTube](#)). The administrative teams ask for your continued patience as we work through the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although this public health emergency does appear to be responding to mitigation efforts, it is too early to remove the efforts that have aided the districts thus far. The administrative teams believe that this addendum provides a fair balance for all involved.