

Pickerington Community,

On Thursday, May 21, the Ohio Department of Health, the OHSAA, and Governor DeWine's office authorized the beginning of individual skills training for all extracurricular activities. The order allows school facilities to be open specifically and exclusively for extracurricular purposes. Our facilities and students will begin the reopening as follows:

- Monday, June 8: High school fall athletic programs and band
- Monday, June 22: High school winter and spring athletic programs and junior high activities

Pickerington Local School District facilities will reopen for our students and staff only. Our facilities at the high school and junior high's will remain closed to the public at this time.

The Athletic Department and Performing Arts Departments of Pickerington Local School District have collaborated to develop a plan using guidance from the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the National Federation of High School Sports.

While we are all excited to bring our students, coaches and directors back together, we want to do so in the safest manner possible to ensure the well-being of all involved.

Pickerington Local School District has established general guidelines as well as guidelines for parents, coaches/band directors, athletic trainers, and the weight room. Pickerington Local School District cannot stress enough the importance of ALL families, students, coaches, and directors reviewing these documents as our extracurricular practices have changed in response to Covid-19. Please carefully read the attachments in this letter. This may be our only opportunity to reopen our facilities and bring our students back. We must get this right. It will take all of us following the guidelines to ensure the safety of our students, families, staff and community. As parents of our students, you play a major role in our reopening, if not the most important role. Your evaluation of your child's health every day is critical as our goal continues to maintain the safety of your son/daughter, your family, our students, staff and the entire community. Do not hesitate to reach out to your coaches, athletic director, musical directors or myself with any questions or concerns you may have. Adherence to the guidelines are mandatory.

For those families that do not have access to the Internet, you can pick up the form — which needs to be filled out daily with your son/daughter's temperature and health condition(s) — from their coach, the athletic trainers or the Athletic Office.

This continues to be a fluid situation. As information and guidelines from the Governor, Ohio Department of Health, the OHSAA and the National Federation of High School Sports change, we will continue to review our situation. The slogan, "We are Pickerington" has never been more appropriate. We will get through this together.

Attached for your reference are the following guidelines:

1. General guidelines
2. Guidelines for parents
3. Guidelines for coaches
4. Guidelines for athletic trainers
5. Guidelines for the weight room



**WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION
OF RISK AGREEMENT FOR USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES
AND EQUIPMENT DURING SUMMER BREAK**

Participant Name: _____ (Please Print)

On March 11, 2020, COVID-19, a highly contagious disease that is spread through person-to-person contact was declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization and on March 13, 2020, U.S. President Donald Trump declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency. On March 12, 2020, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health (“ODH”) ordered K-12 schools to close. On March 17, 2020, the Director of ODH ordered all entertainment, recreation, and gymnasiums to close until the March 17, 2020 Order is rescinded or modified. On April 29, 2020, the Director of ODH ordered that all K-12 schools remain closed through June 30, 2020 due to COVID-19. On May 22, 2020, the ODH issued an order permitting recreational facilities and gymnasiums to open. Additionally, schools are permitted to allow students to use the school facilities to participate in school activities.

Given the widespread outbreak and the possibility of COVID-19 being contracted, federal, state, and local governments, and federal and state health agencies, recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited or limited the congregation of groups of people. As a result, the Pickerington Local School District Board of Education (“Board”) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Even with these measures, the Board cannot guarantee that its students or other individuals, participating in recreational or organized athletic or training and conditioning activities (“Participants”) at Board athletic facilities, stadiums, weight room, gymnasiums, or similar venues (“Facilities”) and using Board equipment (“Equipment”) will not become infected with COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, the Participant agrees that:

1. Use of Board Facilities and Equipment during summer break is voluntary;
2. While at Board Facilities and using Board Equipment, all safety and social distancing protocols as described in the district-issued guidelines must be followed;
3. The Participant will not use the Facilities or Equipment if his/her temperature is above 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit on any day that the Participant is to participate in any activity, or if the Participant has been exposed to any person who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past fourteen (14) days;
4. COVID-19 is contagious, and the Participant understands it is the sole responsibility of the Participant and his/her parent/guardian as applicable, to evaluate carefully all risks inherent in using the Board’s Facilities and Equipment. The Participant and his/her parent/guardian as applicable voluntarily assumes full responsibility for the risk that the Participant may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by using the Board’s Facilities and Equipment, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, death or other damages or expenses;

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5. The risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at Board Facilities may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Participant or others, including, but not limited to, Board students, staff, volunteers, and guests;
6. The Participant assumes all of the foregoing risks and accepts sole responsibility for any injury to the Participant including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, death, illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that the Participant or their parent/guardian may experience or incur in connection with Participant’s use of Board Facilities or Equipment (“Claims”);
7. The Participant releases and agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the Board, its members, employees, and agents, from any and all liability, arising from negligence or otherwise, and any damages as a result of the Participant’s use of the Board’s Facilities or Equipment, including but not limited to property damage and any mental or physical bodily injury, including death; and
8. This release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of the Board, its members, employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after use of the Board’s Facilities or Equipment.
9. The foregoing WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ACKNOWLEDGMENT, AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of Ohio and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I, the undersigned, have read the above carefully, understand its significance, and voluntarily agree to all of its terms. If the student is under 18 years of age, this Agreement must be signed by the student’s parent or guardian. For divorced/separated parents, the parent/guardian signing below attests that he/she has legal authority to provide consent for the student to attend Board activities and use its Facilities and Equipment and to execute this Waiver of Liability, Acknowledgment, and Assumption of Risk Agreement.

Printed Name of Student

Signature of Student

Date

If student is a minor, either a parent or guardian must sign below, if they agree with the terms of this Agreement.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

RETURN TO PLAY - GENERAL GUIDELINES

The following guidelines govern social distancing and safety procedures for pupil activity programs that practice, train or compete during the summer of 2020. All of these activities must be performed in accordance with Ohio Department of Health (“ODH”) orders, OHSAA guidance, and the procedures described below. These procedures are intended to adhere to ODH and OHSAA requirements; if any of these procedures are in conflict with ODH orders or OHSAA guidance as they currently exist or as they may be modified in the future, those other sources will control.

- Fall HS athletic and band programs will begin workouts June 8
- HS Winter and Spring and JH programs will begin June 22
- No locker rooms
- Arrive dress ready to workout
- When workout is over leave grounds immediately
- Participants should not arrive more than 10 minutes early for their activity, and they should remain in their car until the previous group has left the same facilities.
- No gathering before or after workouts
- Parents and family members must stay in car
- Recommended that students who are riding together only come from the same household
- Participants should wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, if such resources are available, when entering the facilities.
- Masks are recommended for both students and staff, unless such individuals are actively engaged in aerobic activity.
- Workout in groups of 10 or less, or in groups of up to 9 participants plus a coach
- Maintain 6’ apart during workout and at all times
- Bring your own water, water will not be provided
- Bring your own towel, towels will not be provided
- No sharing equipment, ball, towels, water bottles
- Avoid any unnecessary touching. This includes no “high fives”, hand-shaking, and group huddles before, during or after an activity.
- No physical contact between students, students and coaches, or with AT (the AT will address medical emergencies - dislocation, broken leg, etc.)
- Weather emergency - students will be taken into the building for safety and then address social distancing, they will need to be picked up
- Due to inclement weather workouts cannot be moved inside
- Parents will be required to sign a waiver on a daily basis
- Ensure that all students and parents/guardians have completed google doc PRIOR TO working out. If not, the students will be sent home and not permitted to workout for that day. Google form must be completed the day of.

- Students should have their temperatures taken prior to coming to a practice, training session or other activity. If a student has symptoms consistent with illness, please stay home.
- Medical conditions
 - *if sick - will need a note from a physician prior to returning to workouts
 - *if a student or coach is exposed to someone with COVID-19, the individual will need to quarantine for 14 days
 - *if a student or coach contracts COVID-19, the situation will be evaluated by an appointed medical committee
- Parents, family members friends and alumni are not permitted to attend or participate in workouts
- All those who are participating in activities (coaches and students) must complete the google form prior to arriving on campus for activity.
- This continues to be a fluid situation. As the Governor, ODH and OHSAA change their guidelines, we will reevaluate our plan.

RETURN TO PLAY - PARENTS GUIDELINES

The following guidelines govern social distancing and safety procedures for pupil activity programs that practice, train or compete during the summer of 2020. All of these activities must be performed in accordance with Ohio Department of Health (“ODH”) orders, OHSAA guidance, and the procedures described below. These procedures are intended to adhere to ODH and OHSAA requirements; if any of these procedures are in conflict with ODH orders or OHSAA guidance as they currently exist or as they may be modified in the future, those other sources will control.

- Take son/daughter's temperature every day. If your child is experiencing symptoms consistent with illness, they must stay home.
- Complete google form daily and sign off, if not son/daughter cannot work out
 - *form must be completed the day of the workout.
 - *Ensure that all students and parents/guardians have completed google doc PRIOR TO working out. If not, the students will be sent home and not permitted to workout for that day. Google form must be completed the day of.
- Keep son/daughter home if sick
- Symptoms
 - *cough
 - *shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - *fever
 - *chills - repeatedly shaking
 - *muscle pain
 - *headache
 - *sore throat
 - *loss of appetite or smell
- Medical conditions
 - *if sick - will need a note from a physician prior to returning to workouts
 - *if a student or coach is exposed to someone with the virus the individual will quarantine for 14 days
 - *if a student or coach contracts the virus the situation will be evaluated by an appointed medical committee
- Send son/daughter to work out with clean clothes daily
- Clean personal equipment daily - soccer ball, football, volleyball, music instruments, etc
- Do not arrive more than 10 minutes prior to your child's activity. Stay in your car when dropping off and picking up your child.
- Please pay close attention to the end times so your student won't be waiting around and possibly congregating with others. Please leave school grounds immediately once the activity is over and you have picked-up your child.

- Recommended that students who are riding together only come from the same household
- No gathering before or after workouts with other students
- Bring multiple personal water bottles and towel (water will not be provided)
- Participants should wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, if such resources are available, when entering the facilities. Hand sanitizer and wipes should not be shared.
- We will enforce a “no touch rule” whenever possible. This includes no “high fives”, hand-shaking, and group huddles before, during or after an activity.
- No physical contact between students, students and coaches, or with the AT (the AT will address medical emergencies - broken leg, dislocations, etc.)
- Keep your 6’ distance
- Parents play a major role in returning to play by following guidelines
- Weather emergencies - students will be taken into the building for safety and then address social distancing, they will need to be picked up
- Due to inclement weather workouts cannot be moved inside
- Parents, family members or friends cannot attend or participate in workouts
- Masks are recommended for students and coaches, unless such individuals are actively engaged in aerobic activity.