

Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. The following are signs and symptoms or risk factors for contracting COVID-19:

Signs and Symptoms: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fever (100.4°F/38°C or higher)● Cough● Shortness of breath● Gasping for air● Cannot talk without catching breath● Persistent pain or pressure in chest● Confused or inability to arouse● Bluish lips or face● Sore throat● Nausea or vomiting● Diarrhea	Risk Factors: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Chronic lung disease● Moderate to severe asthma● Serious heart conditions● Immunocompromised● Bone marrow/organ transplantation● Immune deficiencies● Poorly controlled HIV/AIDS● Prolonged use of corticosteroids/immune weakening medications● Severe obesity● Diabetes● Chronic kidney disease● Liver disease
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Anyone currently experiencing signs or symptoms of COVID-19, or fall under any risk factor considerations, should consult a doctor for approval of participation in athletics prior to signing the assumption of risk and waiver of liability.

Federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people. Hampton City Schools (HCS) has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 (see Appendix A); however, cannot guarantee that your child or you will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, participating in athletics could increase your child's risk and your risk of contracting COVID-19. Sports may vary for increasing risks of infections based on level of close contact required (see Appendix B).

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed or infected by COVID-19 by participating in the following sport(s): _____ and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 while participating in athletics may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, HCS employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families. I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s participation within

HCS Athletics. On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless HCS, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of HCS its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any HCS athletics program, as well as consent for those peoples selected by HCS to screen my child for the presence of COVID-19.

Appendix A:

Eligibility for HCS athletics will follow that of the school. If a student is deemed out of the classroom due to COVID-19, diagnosis or exposure, then they will not be allowed to participate in athletics. Once allowed to return to school, they will be allowed to return to sport as long as they are symptom free. The school nurse will provide written clearance to your school's Athletic Trainer. A one day supervised return to play protocol will be utilized for mild to moderate cases. Those who have moderate to severe COVID-19, based on symptoms, will be required to seek physician clearance before return to sport.

Appendix B:

The following is a proposed stratification scale for COVID-19 transmission in sports from highest risk (Level 1) to lowest risk (Level 2):

1. **Level 1:** sports that involve close, sustained contact, but with protective equipment in place that may reduce the likelihood of respiratory particle transmission between participants OR intermittent close contact OR group sports OR sports that use equipment that can't be cleaned between participants. Examples: basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball, soccer, and track & field events.
2. **Level 2:** sports that can be done with social distancing or individually with no sharing of equipment or the ability to clean the equipment between use by competitors. Examples: Individual running events (Distance events)

Print Name of Participant

Signature of Participant

Date

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date