



# Woodland School District #404

## Assumption of Risk Relating to Novel Coronavirus/COVID-19 Disease

The novel coronavirus, which causes the disease COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people. **This document contains important information about the risks of participating in the summer athletic programs offered by the Woodland School District during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Please carefully review the information below before your child participates in our program.**

Washington Governor Jay Inslee has required that all youth team sports operating during the “Safe Start Washington” phased reopening must adopt a “return to play” safety plan. Accordingly, the District has adopted preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. A copy of that plan is available on the District’s website at: <https://www.woodlandschools.org/storage/file/205/Opening-Woodland-Public-Schools-Sports-Summer-2020.pdf>. Parents or guardians with questions about the plan should contact their child’s coach or Athletic Director Paul Huddleston at [huddlesp@woodlandschools.org](mailto:huddlesp@woodlandschools.org).

Despite the District’s safety plan, however, participating in team sports during the COVID-19 pandemic entails at least the following health and safety risks (in addition to the typical risks of illness or physical injury from participating in sporting activities):

- Close contact with other children and supervising adults, which may result in infection with COVID-19 disease. COVID-19 may cause significant physical illness requiring hospitalization and, in infrequent cases for children, death. People with certain underlying health conditions are more susceptible.
- In rare cases, COVID-19 infection is believed to have caused Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C), a condition where different body parts can become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs. MIS-C can result in serious injury or death.
- If contracted by a child participant, COVID-19 disease may: not cause symptoms, yet the child may nonetheless be contagious; not cause symptoms that are immediately evident; and spread easily to siblings, parents and guardians, other family members, and acquaintances in the community.

More information on the risks of COVID-19 is available from the Centers for Disease Control at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

By signing below, I acknowledge that my child’s participation in the District’s summer athletic programs involves certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated, regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. I further acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19, and the risks that my child and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 and that such exposure of 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 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, District employees, volunteers, and summer participants. I have read the previous paragraphs, and I know, understand, and appreciate these and other risks are inherent in the activity my child is participating in. I hereby assert that my child’s participation is voluntary, and that I knowingly assume all such risks on behalf of my child and myself.

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print parent/guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print legal name of player attending/participating: \_\_\_\_\_

Player date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_



## COVID-19: Preventative Actions for Summer Athletics

**The Woodland School District is taking the following preventative actions in an effort to reduce the risk of spread of COVID-19 disease to participants in its athletic programs this summer:**

1. All balls and equipment will be wiped down after each session.
2. Athletes will not be able to congregate or socialize in groups. Social distancing will take place for all drills.
3. Players will be admitted through one door/opening and released through another so there will be no passing of players.
4. Athletes will wash their hands after being checked in as well as before they leave.
5. Workouts will be conducted in small “pods” of students, with the same group of students working out together.
6. Athletes must have a coach’s approval to be onsite.
7. Athletes will not enter the facility until directed by a coach.
8. Sessions may be started at staggered times, with buffer times between sessions.
9. Players must go straight to the court/location assigned.
10. No parents/guardians or fans will be allowed in the facility.
11. Athletes will have limited use of the restrooms.
12. Athletes will self-assess for signs of fever or other symptoms of COVID-19 prior to arriving to the facility/location.
13. Coaches will self-assess for signs of fever or other symptoms of COVID-19 as players enter the facility/location.
14. Athletes and coaches must come dressed in playing clothes and cannot bring any bags or backpacks into the facility.
15. Athletes and coaches must bring all of their own hydration fluids. These must not be shared with anyone.
16. Anyone who resides with or has had close contact with a person has tested positive for COVID-19 will not participate or attend the facility for at least 14 days after his or her last exposure.
17. Participants who reside with a person working in the healthcare field who may be or have been exposed to COVID-19 are asked not to attend until after a 14-day quarantine from the last contact with that healthcare worker.
18. The District will have a monitor to ensure that these guidelines are followed.