

# Sunflower County Consolidated School District

Mrs. Miskia Davis, Superintendent

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June 1, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians of SCCSD Athletes,

The Mississippi High School Athletic Activities Association recently approved a "return to activity during the summer months" for June 1st. Guidelines were created in conjunction with the State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), providing guidance to school districts regarding general safety measures that should be taken. It is the responsibility of districts to adapt the practices and make decisions that are in the best interest of its student athletes. As a result, the Sunflower County Consolidated School District has decided against resuming sports and activity on June 1st. Instead, we have chosen to ensure several measures are in place prior to any team or group being allowed to begin summer practices.

## SCCSD's Measures for Resuming Activity

- ❖ SCCSD will adhere to CDC guidelines and offer options for individuals at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, such as virtual coaching and in-home drills that limit their exposure to risk. **Higher risk conditions include people with asthma, diabetes, HIV, liver disease, and who are immunocompromised.**
- ❖ SCCSD will safely and respectfully conduct daily health checks to include temperature checks and symptom screening of all coaches, staff, and student-athletes before beginning practices, group discussions, or meetings.
- ❖ SCCSD will require nonessential visitors and spectators to practice social distancing guidelines of 6 feet at practices.
- ❖ Coaches, staff, officials, and players who are sick **before practice** should not attend the youth sports activity and should promptly notify youth sports officials.
- ❖ SCCSD will immediately separate coaches, staff, officials, and student-athletes presenting with COVID-19 symptoms **during practice**. Sick students or staff members will be provided a face mask, assisted to a separate space designated for sick staff and students, and advised to follow-up with an HCP to obtain a note of clearance to return to SCCSD schools or facilities.
- ❖ Coaches, staff, officials, and student-athletes diagnosed with COVID-19 with or without symptoms **will follow the "Return to School Response" below to initiate a safe return to practice guidance.**
- ❖ SCCSD will adhere to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines that any individual **with COVID-19 with symptoms** may discontinue isolation and thus, return to school after:

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- At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since fever has resolved without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (i.e., cough, shortness of breath)

**AND**

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared
- ❖ SCCSD will adhere to the CDC guidelines that any individual **with COVID-19 without symptoms, but tested positive** may discontinue isolation and thus, return to practice after:
  - At least 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test
  - If symptoms appear, then an individual may return to school following the above criteria for persons with **COVID-19 with symptoms**
- ❖ Equipment, instruments, balls, and other surfaces will be sanitized thoroughly and properly between use.
- ❖ Indoor numbers are limited to 10, while outdoor numbers are limited to 20. Social distancing is required.

These summer practices are completely voluntary and at the discretion of you and your child. All coaches/directors must submit a written plan that is approved prior to being allowed to begin activity. **We want to stress that any summer practices/workouts are completely voluntary, especially in light of COVID-19.** If you are comfortable with the district's plan for returning to sports, please sign the waiver on the following pages.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read 'William Murphy'.

William Murphy,

Director of Personnel, Student Affairs, and Athletics

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Earl Liddell'.

Earl Liddell,

Assistant Athletic Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Miskia Davis'.

Miskia Davis,

Superintendent



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## **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 very contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

The Sunflower County Consolidated School District has put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, the Sunflower County Consolidated School District cannot guarantee your child will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the Sunflower County Consolidated School District's athletics/activities workouts or practices could increase your child's risk of contracting COVID-19.

I affirm that my child has not been diagnosed with, demonstrated any symptoms of or has in any way been exposed to any communicable diseases (including but not limited to the virus COVID-19) within the past thirty (30) days.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending the Sunflower County Consolidated School District's athletic/activities workouts or practices and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of my child becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at any Sunflower County Consolidated School District athletic/activity workout or practice may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself, my child, and others, including, but not limited to, Sunflower County Consolidated School District 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 including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, death, illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that my child may experience or incur in connection with my child's attendance in any Sunflower County Consolidated School District athletic/activities workout or practice. On my behalf, and on behalf of my child, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Sunflower County Consolidated School District, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, 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 the Sunflower County Consolidated School District, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any Sunflower County Consolidated School District athletic/activity workout or practice.

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Please note that Sunflower County Consolidated School District summer workouts and/or practices are strictly voluntary. Your child is in no way required to attend and will not face any consequences or repercussions of any kind if you choose not to allow them to attend.

Printed Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_