

# CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS WAIVER FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES INCLUDING COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented a myriad of challenges concerning this highly contagious illness that appears to primarily attack the upper respiratory system. Some severe outcomes have been reported in children, and a child with a mild or even asymptomatic case of COVID-19 can spread the infection to others who may be far more vulnerable.

While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of and exposure to COVID-19 or other communicable disease, the Charleroi Area School District (“CASD”) has enacted certain precautions to try to decrease such risks to students, staff, and visitors to CASD facilities. These include complying with guidelines and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control, the PA Departments of Health and Education, and the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association. Some of these precautionary measures include, but are not limited to:

1. Health screenings prior to any practice, event, or meeting with participation in the activities being limited and/or prohibited where an individual displays positive responses or symptoms.
2. Encourage physical distancing and universal masking as appropriate, and promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing, using hand sanitizer, etc.
3. Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation in all facilities.
4. Educate students and employees on health and safety protocols.
5. Require students and employees to provide their own water bottle for hydration.

As knowledge regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing, CASD reserves the right to adjust and implement additional or different precautionary measures to try to decrease the risks of COVID-19 exposure for our staff, students, and visitors. However, even with precautionary measures, CASD cannot guarantee that you, your child(ren), or any other person attending or participating in a CASD-sponsored program, athletics, event, or activity will not become exposed to or infected with COVID-19 or other communicable disease.

The undersigned acknowledge that attending or participating in athletics and activities may include a possible exposure to a communicable disease including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. The undersigned further acknowledge that they are aware of the risks associated with COVID-19 and that certain vulnerable individuals may have greater health risks associated with exposure to COVID-19, including individuals with serious underlying health conditions such as, but not limited to: high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, asthma, and those whose immune systems that are compromised by chemotherapy for cancer, and other conditions requiring such therapy. While particular recommendations and personal discipline may reduce the risks associated with participating in athletics during the COVID-19 pandemic, the risk of serious illness, medical complications and possible death does exist.

We knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the actions, inactions, and negligence of others, including but not limited to CASD, its employees, officers, directors, solicitors, agents, volunteers, heirs, and assigns, and assume full responsibility for our student’s participation during the COVID-19 pandemic. We willingly agree to comply with any and all recommendations put forth by CASD and by federal, state, and local authorities to limit the exposure and spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases. For all students who are under the age of 18, we, as the student’s parent/guardian, hereby certify that we have explained the dangers and risks of COVID-19 to our student, and that our student understands the dangers and risks of COVID-19 to the best of his/her ability. We further certify or believe that the Student named below is in good physical condition and allow participation in this activity at our own risk.

**By signing this form, the undersigned voluntarily agree to the following Waiver and release of liability. The undersigned agree to accept sole responsibility for any injury, disability, illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or cost and expense, of any kind, that the undersigned, the Student, or any of the undersigned’s family member(s) may experience or incur in connection with the Student’s attendance or participation in CASD programs, athletics, events, or activities, and hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge and hold harmless, for ourselves, our heirs and assigns, and as a parent or legal guardian for the Student named below, CASD, its employees, officers, directors, solicitors, agents, volunteers, heirs, and assigns, from and against any and all of liabilities or demands for personal injury, disability, psychological injury, sickness, damage, loss, death, or claims resulting from personal injury or property damage, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the Student or the undersigned or a member of the undersigned’s family relating to or as a result of their or the Student’s participation in or attendance at programs, events, and activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Student Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

CASD Activity : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*A copy of CASD’s Return to School Plan and Resocialization of Athletics Plan can be found on the District’s website.*