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**Subject:** Spring Activities Moratorium extended through April 30th

Good afternoon,

Per state and local extensions on school closures and mandatory social-distancing, the CHSAA Spring Activities Moratorium has been extended to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please know that this will be the last possible extension that will be acceptable before a definitive decision will be made on spring activities.

Guidance will be given for next steps on how activity/athletic programs can operate for the remainder of the year or until the **first Sunday prior to Memorial Day** should spring activities be cancelled. We will not mandate decisions after that date but our office will provide recommendations knowing that Federal, State and Local guidelines will determine your decisions to uphold social distancing/public gatherings in the best interest of your school communities and your students safety.

Update on membership questions:

- Spirit coaches are asking to conduct try-outs virtually. We have said that try-outs are a requirement for making the team which would make them mandatory. We know that your spirit coaches and some of your fall coaches start to prepare voluntarily in the spring. Mandatory attendance for virtual try-outs or work-outs are prohibited. Student participants gathering outside of school even without coach involvement are prohibited by Governor's orders. Coaches can upload work-outs, conduct virtual meetings, etc voluntarily. If you as a district or school want to allow contact, that would happen after the moratorium is lifted per Governmental agencies or the **first Sunday prior to Memorial Day** if spring activities are canceled and governmental agencies have lifted the mandates.
- Continue to check your emails for student awards recognition and scholarship opportunities.
- Continue to empower your coaches to reach out to their participants outside of athletics/activities.

Take care and We will continue to update the membership in a timely manner!!

Sincerely,

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