

IPS Athletics COVID-19 Acknowledgement Form

The athletic departments of IPS recognize the importance of implementing increased health and safety protocols for the wellbeing of our IPS students and families, and will emphasize and enforce these protocols diligently. Our district has taken measures to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 during athletics functions. You can view our Responsible Return Plan online at myips.org/athletics.

Even with increased health and safety measures in place, the risk of a participating student contracting COVID-19 cannot be completely eliminated.

The district wants to make sure households and families are fully aware of this risk before allowing your IPS student to participate in athletics at this time.

Please read the information below as provided by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Among adults, the risk for severe illness from COVID-19 increases with age, with older adults at highest risk. Severe illness means that the person with COVID-19 may require hospitalization, intensive care, or a ventilator to help them breathe, or they may even die... In fact, 8 out of 10 COVID-19-related deaths reported in the United States have been among adults aged 65 years and older.

Additionally, people of any age with the following conditions are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19:

- ***Chronic kidney disease***
- ***COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)***
- ***Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant***
- ***Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 or higher)***
- ***Serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies***
- ***Sickle cell disease***
- ***Type 2 diabetes mellitus***

There are also still several unknowns regarding COVID-19. Additional information from the CDC can be found [HERE](#).

We strongly encourage families to consider the information provided by the CDC, particularly if any persons in your household have any of the conditions mentioned above, before allowing your IPS student to participate in athletics programming at this time.

If you, as parent and/or guardian of the student, wish to authorize your student to participate in athletics programming in IPS for the 2020-2021 school year, please fill in the required information below.

Student Name _____, School _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____, Parent/Guardian Signature _____