

Dear Coordinators,

We wanted to communicate with you some guidance in response to the spread of COVID-19 as it relates to the upcoming spring season.

In recent weeks, we have all seen that the challenges posed by COVID-19 are rapidly changing across our country and the world. I ask you to join me in taking new actions to prevent and slow the spread of the virus. The Centers for Disease Control suggests that preemptive public health measures are more effective than those that are reactive. By being proactive as a community, we can safeguard our own health and the well-being of those with whom we interact.

Going forward, each member organization needs to institute the following actions that will minimize close-proximity interaction among members of our community during practices and games:

- Do not hold hands during pre-game prayer.
- Eliminate shaking hands after the game between teams.
- Disinfect all equipment after each practice and game, including balls.
- Prohibit player participation if the symptoms of illness exist, such as fever, runny nose, chills, sore throat, etc.
- Have players disinfect their hands before and after practice and games, either by washing them or using hand sanitizer.

Yesterday, the Governor of Ohio recommended no spectators for indoor sporting events and OHSAA has said they will only allow immediate family of each player, up to 4, inside any event. For GCCYS events, the decision on whether to allow fans in the gyms is to be determined by each member parish or school. As of March 11, we have not received direction from any parish or school regarding athletic events. If we receive guidance from our parishes, schools, or the Archdiocese of Cincinnati regarding COVID-19, we will communicate this information to coordinators. We are hopeful that there will not be any interruptions to the boys' volleyball season. However, all decisions to hold games is entirely up to the hosting parish or school.

We will continue to monitor information regarding the COVID-19 virus. Please pass along all communication related to COVID-19 you receive from your parish or school to your parents. For more information on COVID-19 and how to reduce its spread, please refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

Thanks for all you do for our kids!

Greater Cincinnati Catholic Youth Sports