



Lakeville North High School  
Athletics & Activities Office

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## Update on Fall Sports & Athletic Registration

The summer is flying by and as we get closer to August many questions regarding classes and the status of fall sports are starting to circulate.

The purpose of this email is to give you the most up-to-date information. Unfortunately, just as it has been since late March, this update has a chance of leaving you with more questions than answers. The COVID-19 situation is ever-evolving and things tend to change daily as more data and research is uncovered. But rest-assured, as important information is released, the school district and our sports/activities programs will continue to give you updates.

With that being said, as promised, here is the most up-to-date information as of July 21, 2020.

### **“Quick Look” Summary:**

- ⇒ Governor Walz will release guidelines for schools next week.
- ⇒ In response, the MSHSL will release plans for fall sports by August 7<sup>th</sup>.
- ⇒ A decision about non-MSHSL activities & clubs will follow shortly after the decision about Fall Sports.
- ⇒ Online Registration will open by August 10<sup>th</sup> (after the decision about fall sports).
- ⇒ If you have never had a sports physical on file, please complete this right away (if you plan to participate in sports this school year).
- ⇒ If your sports physical expired during the COVID19 outbreak, you are eligible for an extension for your renewal (details below).
- ⇒ PAC (Parent & Coach) Meetings for fall sports were originally scheduled for next week. Watch for information from the Head Coach to be released soon via email and social media. If you are not on the email communication chain from your coach, please send an email to the appropriate coach (see below).

## Expanded Summary:

### **Status of Classes:**

Governor Walz, The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) plan to release their guidelines for schools during the week of July 27<sup>th</sup> (next week). They could recommend one of three scenarios; in-person (face-to-face) education, distance learning, or a hybrid model. An ISD194 leadership team, led by Superintendent Michael Baumann, has been diligently working on implementation plans for all of the possibilities that may result from MDE’s guidelines and the district will be in communication with the community as soon as a formal plan is ready for release.

## **Status of Fall Sports & Activities:**

The decision about a return to participation is governed by the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL). The MSHSL has commissioned a "Return to Play Task Force" to make a formal recommendation to the MSHSL Board of Directors on August 4<sup>th</sup>. As of today, Fall Sports are scheduled to begin on August 17<sup>th</sup>, but this could change depending on the information that will be released by MDE & MSHSL in the coming weeks. For now, we continue to plan on starting on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **Status of Activities, Clubs & other non-MSHSL organizations:**

A decision about Fine Arts, Activities, Student Clubs & other non-MSHSL organizations will follow shortly after the decision about classes and fall sports. The Activities Fair, held annually at LNHS, that was scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> has been canceled. For a complete list of sports, fine arts, activities, student clubs & independent teams, please go to: [www.lnhspanthers.com/](http://www.lnhspanthers.com/)

## **Online Activity Registration:**

In recent years, Lakeville families have used "Fee Pay" to securely register students online for activities. Fee Pay no longer is in the business of processing online registrations, therefore ISD194 will now use a company called, "rSchool" for online activity registration. More information will be sent out soon with details of how to sign-up using the new system. We anticipate opening the system on August 10<sup>th</sup>, but this could be sooner if final instructions from MDE & MSHSL come early than expected. Remember, students must be fully registered PRIOR to the first day of participation in ISD194 sports and activities.

## **Sports Physicals:**

Student-athletes need an updated Sports Physical every three years. Due to the demand on clinics during the COVID19 pandemic, the MSHSL Board of Directors Executive Committee approved the following extension of the expiration date of the Three-Year Physical Clearance.

- A student with a three-year clearance that expires at any time from March 12, 2020 through the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year will have the clearance extended through the completion of the 2020-2021 school year.
- Each student must still complete the annual health history questionnaire (this will be completed in the online registration system).
- Any student who had not previously participated and therefore does not have medical clearance on file will be required to have a physical and be cleared to participate.
  - Note: Sports Physicals that were on file at CMS or KTMS will follow the student-athlete to LNHS.
- To find the status of your last sports physical, go to your parent portal of Infinite Campus, click "more" and locate the "Health" tab. The date of your last sports physical on file will be shown.
  - If you have never had a sports physical on file, or if it expired prior to March 12<sup>th</sup>, please go to [www.lnhspanthers.com/sportsphysicals](http://www.lnhspanthers.com/sportsphysicals) for more information about how to complete this step right away.

## Fall Sports PAC (Parent & Coach) Meetings

PAC (Parent & Coach) Meetings for fall sports were originally scheduled for next week. All in-person meetings have been changed. Some sports will send info via email, others will hold a video conference. Each program's head coach will do their best to update you as they receive more information. As mentioned, coaches will use email, social media or video conferences to keep families in the know with up-to-date information. If you are not on the email communication chain from your coach, please send an email to the appropriate coach (see below) and ask to be added.

Sport	Head Coach	Email
CC Run, Boys	Karl Ermisch	karl.ermisch@isd194.org
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Fall Dance	Shana Bydal	shana.bydal@isd194.org
Football	Brian Vossen	brian.vossen@isd194.org
Soccer, Boys	Pete Tyma	peter.tyma@isd194.org
Soccer, Girls	Brian Lehman	brian.lehman@isd194.org
Swim & Dive, Girls	Dan Schneider	daniel.schneider@isd194.org
Tennis, Girls	Trish Staehling	trish.staehling@isd194.org
Volleyball	Jackie Richter	Jackie.Richter@isd194.org

Everyone at Lakeville North High School and ISD #194 wish to say THANK YOU for your support, patience & flexibility. Until the next update, please stay healthy and enjoy the rest of your summer!

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