

Putnam City School District Assumption of Risk and Waiver Liability Relating to Athletic Participation and Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus or COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO). COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people.

Putnam City Schools has put in place several preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in accordance with local, state, and federal recommendations. However, Putnam City Schools cannot guarantee that you or your child will not become infected with COVID-19.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in athletics and such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in athletics may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence by me and others, including but not limited to: Putnam City employees, coaches, administrators, participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child or myself including, but not limited to: personal injury, disability, and death, illness, damage, loss, claim, liability or expense of any kind that I or my child may experience in connection with athletic participation at Putnam City Schools. On my behalf, and behalf of my child, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge or hold harmless Putnam City Schools, its employees, agents, and representatives. I understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of Putnam City Schools, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any and all Putnam City Schools athletic activities.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Student-Athlete

Print Name of Student-Athlete

Date

COVID-19 Signs and Symptoms Checklist

The following is a list of known current signs and symptoms associated with COVID-19 from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). This list is not comprehensive, as COVID-19 is a very new virus and health officials are still considering and gathering information on the signs and symptoms as they present in the population.

It is important to understand that anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. Anyone with underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease, diabetes, and asthma seem to be at a higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19.

- Fever
- Cough
- Tiredness
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle/body aches
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Headache
- Chest pain
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Nausea (feeling like you have to throw up)

In addition to the above list of symptoms, there is evidence from the World Health Organization (WHO) of a new infection that is affecting pediatric-aged patients (ages 18 years and younger) that is called the multisystem inflammatory syndrome that seems to be connected with the COVID-19 virus. It is important to understand that this syndrome, in addition to COVID-19, is not yet fully understood by medical professionals and is an ongoing process to understand both conditions.

- Multisystem inflammatory syndrome affects children and adolescents (0-19 years of age) with a fever lasting longer than 3 days
- Rash in mouth or on hands/feet
- Low blood pressure
- Features of myocardial dysfunction (including abnormal ECHO findings)
- Acute gastrointestinal problems (diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain)