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ORANGEBURG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNERS WITH MUSC HEALTH SPORTS MEDICINE TO SUPPORT ATHLETIC SAFETY

ORANGEBURG, S.C. – Orangeburg County School District (OCSD) and MUSC Health Sports Medicine have forged a significant partnership, raising the bar for sports safety and athletic health services in the region. The collaboration emphasizes a commitment to the wellbeing of student-athletes, ensuring they receive top-tier care while pursuing their sporting passions.

As part of the partnership, MUSC Health Sports Medicine will provide dedicated athletic training and comprehensive sports medicine services to the school district. This strategic alignment stands as a testament to both entities' shared goal: to create a secure environment where student-athletes can excel without compromise to their health.

"Joining forces with Orangeburg County School District is a significant stride in safeguarding our young athletes' future. As part of the MUSC Health team, I can see firsthand our institution's dedication to top-notch care," said Brittany Miller, Sports Medicine Coordinator. "We're not just forming a partnership; we're creating a gold standard for sports safety in Orangeburg County. Our vision encompasses expanding the program, with a focus on providing daily on-site sports medicine coverage throughout the academic year and ensuring medical coverage for all home varsity football games," Miller added.

Athletic injuries, like the one faced by Damar Hamlin, underscore the critical importance of proactive measures and state-of-the-art sports medicine infrastructure. The Orangeburg County School District and MUSC Health partnership is timely, championing a proactive stance on injury prevention, rehabilitation, and education. By integrating advanced sports medicine practices with school sports programs, the partnership seeks to significantly reduce the occurrence and severity of sports-related injuries.

The collaboration will also span into the summer months, catering to off-season conditioning needs. This ensures continuity of care and conditioning for athletes, helping them stay at peak

performance levels throughout the year. Another pivotal aspect of this partnership is the expedited access to MUSC Health services for injured or ill athletes and coaches. This move greatly diminishes downtime and offers immediate intervention, fostering quicker recoveries.

Injury prevention education will be a cornerstone of the program. Educating athletes, coaches, and parents about the importance of proper training techniques, stretching, and warm-up procedures can play a pivotal role in mitigating potential injuries. With expert insights from MUSC Health's team, the OCSD community will be better equipped to prioritize safety while still pushing the boundaries of athletic excellence.

This partnership between OCSD and MUSC Health Sports Medicine stands as a beacon for other institutions nationwide. The synergy between educational and medical entities, united by a mission to protect and empower student-athletes, marks a significant step forward in the realm of school sports safety.

Watch video here: https://youtu.be/Pe_5zUp3ZCk

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