



LANCASTER COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

March 14, 2020

Dear LCDS Athletics Community -

By now everyone is aware that LCDS will begin operating on a virtual-learning basis from Tuesday, March 17 until Tuesday, March 31. Effective immediately, LCDS gymnasiums, the Rebert Fitness Center and Squash Courts are closed until school re-opens, hopefully on Wednesday, April 1. Additionally, all athletic practices, contests, activities and rentals have been canceled. All schools in the Commonwealth of PA are in the same collective boat. We are undoubtedly navigating uncharted waters!

COVID-19 has created a very fluid situation, and, at the present time, there are no answers to the question of what will happen with the Spring 2020 sports seasons (PIAA and Youth Lacrosse). Over the next 10-14 days, there will be countless conversations, emails and meetings amongst Athletic Directors at the State (PIAA), Regional (District 3) and Local (L-L League) levels. We are also in touch with the community-based youth lacrosse organizations (LLYLL and LAGLA).

Athletic Directors do not make decisions unilaterally, especially during unprecedented times like these. There are numerous variables - some known, many unknown - in this complex equation. The biggest unknown is the ever-evolving path of the COVID-19 outbreak, which essentially has us in a holding pattern. Possibilities run the gamut, and the most optimistic scenario would be playing an abbreviated schedule that consists of league contests. However, the potential for a complete cancelation of the spring sports season is real.

In order to be as efficient and consistent as possible with the sharing of good information, a plan to communicate with all athletic stakeholders has been established. The LCDS Athletic Department will provide updates to Head Coaches, who in turn will distribute pertinent information to players and parents. All inquiries from families should be directed to the Head Coach before contacting the LCDS Athletic Department.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of remaining calm, taking things seriously, practicing good hygiene and listening to the experts.

Thanks & Go Cougars!

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