



READING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

June 5, 2020

On Monday, June 1, 2020, our governor lifted the “Safer at Home” restriction and issued an updated executive order. On Tuesday afternoon, the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) provided schools with updated guidance as to the re-starting of school-based athletic activities.

As new developments transpire, Big 8 Athletic Directors and Administrators have been collaborating to develop a consistent plan for safely re-entering our student-athletes into sports activities this summer.

Starting on Monday, June 15, 2020, Reading Community Schools will allow student-athletes and coaches to come together outdoors while following all applicable guidelines. We will begin the re-entry process during a two-week period of activity centered around strength and conditioning, while slowly transitioning to sport specific skill & drill practices. The rationale behind this decision is based on ensuring the health and safety of our student-athletes. We know that each student’s resources have been varied just as their family and life commitments have been varied during this time. This will allow us to evaluate where our student-athletes are at physically, as well as socially and emotionally, and plan workouts in a measured manner. The end goal is to put all student-athletes in a position to be successful when we begin more traditional activities. Based on current orders and guidelines, all activities must be outdoors. All indoor athletic facilities must remain closed for both school and public use. Outdoor facility use for youth groups, travel teams or public rental will not be available at the current time of ensure the health and safety of our community.

We realize and respect that our world, as well as our student’s family’s lives, are different today, than they were three months ago. As with all summer and out-of-season activities, participation is voluntary. Students and families should look for specific information to be forthcoming from their coaches and or the athletic department.

Yours in education and educational athletics,

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