

TAA Families,

The Tabernacle Athletic Association is very much aware of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. We are in direct contact with our local school districts and the leadership of Tabernacle Township regarding the need for contingency plans in what is a rapidly evolving situation. Please know that the health and safety of our children and their families are of utmost importance to all of us.

Beginning March 13, 2020, TAA will be postponing the beginning of our Spring 2020 programs for a minimum two weeks. This will include all activities related to TAA Baseball, TAA Softball, TAA Spring Soccer and TAA Track and Field Club. This means that practices, games, meets, field clean up days and our annual Opening Day Ceremonies are postponed until further notice. Many of the youth athletic organizations with which we compete have made similar decisions. We are all closely following municipal, county, state and federal websites and will follow the guidance and recommendations of our public health agencies and officials. If these authorities advise the cancellation of our community based youth sports programs for the spring of 2020, we will communicate that to our membership immediately.

We have been in contact with the Lenape Regional High School District for additional guidance. As of 3/11/2020, they advised the following:

*If you are ill and have symptoms such as a cough and fever, it is recommended that you stay at home and do not attend public gatherings. If you are sick or at high-risk please do not attend. According to the New Jersey Department of Health, persons at high-risk for severe COVID-19 illness include people over the age of 60, people with underlying health conditions such heart disease, lung disease or diabetes, people with diabetes and women who are pregnant. Please make sure you inform all who are in attendance at any of the LRHSD Facilities.*

As social gathering restrictions become more clearly defined, we will begin to make advanced decisions. This may include but is not limited to: restricting access to the stands for certain people and setting up areas that are less trafficked for certain individuals to watch, restricting the number of simultaneous games at certain facilities, and/or rescheduling or cancelling either the early portion of the season, special events or the entire season. We will also work to devise an enhanced plan for each program to follow with regards to individual and team contact as well as facility and equipment cleanliness. As of now, this is a very fluid situation. However, any necessary changes will be thoroughly researched and communicated to the entire TAA membership.

For up to the minute information regarding COVID-19 and how best to care for your family, please reference:

<https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/coronavirus/coronavirus-facts-infographic>

We take these steps with regret, but the health and safety of our membership will always be our top priority.

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