



Ohio High School Athletic Association

Jerry Snodgrass, Executive Director

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TO: OHSAA Member Schools Administrators
FR: Jerry Snodgrass, Executive Director
RE: Continuation of OHSAA Winter Tournaments/Coronavirus Update

As more information is released by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) about the coronavirus (COVID-19) and its impact on our country, I wanted to inform the membership that the OHSAA is staying abreast of the latest information and is reviewing tournament plans, but at this time all tournaments are currently scheduled to proceed as planned.

In the case of team tournaments and per OHSAA General Sports Regulations, if participating schools and/or host sites are closed, whether it's due to inclement weather or a health issue, we will work with our schools, host sites and, should the case warrant, our district athletic boards to reschedule contests, provided rescheduling does not adversely affect the next round of the tournament.

For individual tournaments, like bowling and wrestling, we reserve the right to delay or reschedule a tournament when all factors related to the severity of the situation are considered and provided it is practical to delay or reschedule the tournament.

Just as with other illnesses, the OHSAA is asking fans; participating coaches and students, and tournament officials and staff to do their parts in helping prevent the spread of illnesses. The CDC recommends these everyday preventative steps:

- Avoid close contact with those who are sick;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth;
- Stay home when you are sick;
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash;
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after going to the bathroom, before eating and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol, and
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

We are committed to the health and safety of all those affiliated with our tournaments and will continue to closely monitor the situation and provide any updates as needed.

For more information about the coronavirus, including prevention and treatment, visit the CDC website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.