

July 11, 2020

Dear Warrior Families,

Late Thursday evening, I was made aware that one of our athletes had been in contact with a family member with a confirmed positive case of COVID - 19. I took immediate action informing my supervisors at Walled Lake Western and in the Walled Lake Athletic Department and waited for further instruction from them. As is stated in Sara DiBartolomeo's attached letter, "the student-athlete is in quarantine and will not return to practice until a negative test is confirmed and secured." The athlete and rest of the family were being tested on Friday.

I wanted to assure you all that my decision to cancel practice Thursday was due to the heat index and tracking multiple weather sites showing incoming storms, not because of my knowledge of this situation. As you are aware, currently we are not permitted to use any indoor facilities and cannot seek refuge in the building if we are caught in inclement weather, this was what led to the cancelation of workouts Thursday.

Your child's health and safety is my utmost concern, as is my own family's health and safety. On Friday, questionable weather concerns and again our lack of ability to offer inside shelter led to my decision to cancel Friday's workout as well. By this time WLW building administration had issued further instructions (again see Sara DiBartolomeo's attached letter). Friday evening, coaches met to disinfect and clean all workout equipment (balls, cones, weights, etc). This will also allow a 72 hour period for things to remain untouched.

Again, your child's health and safety are my primary concern. If you are not comfortable with your athlete attending practice because of health concerns, please know there will be no penalty to your athlete. We ask that your athlete communicate with their positional coach or myself if there is a concern.

My staff and parent volunteers will continue to check in and screen athletes' temperatures daily. We will continue our workouts in a safe, distanced manner as we have been doing thus far. Please refer back to the Summer Workout Procedures document posted on the www.wlwfootball.com website (links also available prior the start of our workouts on the team Facebook group page and Remind).

It is each athlete's responsibility to complete the district online health screening form before noon each day. Every athlete is required to check in and have their temperature taken before entering the stadium.

To all our Warrior players and families – I want to continue to impress upon you the need to be vigilant in keeping yourself and your family healthy and safe in everything you do. I look forward to seeing you back and ready to work on Monday July 13.

**If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at
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Thank you,



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July 10, 2020

Dear Western Football Community,

We hope this letter finds you and your family in good health as you have been navigating through uncertain and changing times over the past several months. We continue to work towards keeping our student-athletes and their family as safe as possible as we continue to reopen sports in the district.

The main purpose for this letter is to inform you that a football athlete has been exposed to a positive case of COVID-19. The student-athlete is in quarantine and will not return to practice until a negative test is confirmed and secured.

Our coaches have worked hard to provide a healthy, low-risk environment in their workouts thus far, and we expect that will continue.

We will continue...

- To require the COVID online survey be completed daily by athletes
- To take temperatures of athletes daily
- To encourage athletes to wear masks to and from workouts and whenever appropriate during workouts
- To socially distance at all times

We would encourage all families to take their children to be tested. This would help ensure the lowest risk environment possible. You can find the most accessible, low-cost, time efficient testing by using the following link:

Michigan.gov/CoronavirusTest

Thank you for helping us work through these changing and uncertain times as we work to keep the entire Western Community safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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