

**PARKWAY CC MIDDLE COLLEGE**  
**OFFICE OF ATHLETICS 2020-2021**

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Hello Student Athletes and family,

First off, I hope you and your families continue to be healthy and safe. I know with so much uncertainty in our current public health situation, a lot of anxiety can overwhelm even the best of us. I hope you all continue to take time for yourselves and your families to stay safe.

I wanted to send an email to all of you with an update on the current decision on fall sports. **In accordance with Governor Wolf's recommendations that were made on August 6th, the Philadelphia Public League will be suspending all interscholastic athletic programming through January 1, 2021. If guidelines released by the Governor's office change, or are updated in a way that would allow programming to resume prior to that date, we reserve the right to revisit our decision and provide further guidance on a safe return to play. Our focus in the immediate future will be on developing a robust virtual program this fall to engage our student-athletes in a meaningful way as it pertains to NCAA Eligibility, sport leadership programming, post-secondary readiness, and health and wellness programming, in addition to creating a plan to provide individualized skill building and fitness workouts when permitted to resume safely.** More information will be forthcoming on our virtual program structure, as well as further guidance in assisting all our student-athletes in the transition to the new school year in an all-virtual format.

I know this decision is hard for everyone - especially our student-athletes, and I want you all to know this was not taken lightly. The Philadelphia Public league COVID-19 Return to Play Task Force has been meeting on a weekly basis since June to consider all options for safely returning to the field of play, and through our continued discussions we recognized the many challenges - both from a health and safety standpoint and logistical barriers - that putting on a season would entail.

Our hope is to condense each Athletic season (approximately 6 weeks) in the 2nd half of the school year. So each athlete has a chance to participate in their prospective sports. I know this fall is going to be difficult, especially for our students, and our focus needs to be on their transition into the academic setting, as well as focusing on the health and safety of our respective school communities. I appreciate all of your understanding in this unfortunate situation.

Athletes still need to get PIAA Physicals completed to participate. ( see attached forms)

Continue to work out on your own to stay in shape. With a shortened season Conditioning will have to be done virtually and personally. Please stay motivated!!!

More information will be forthcoming about athletic virtual programs for this fall.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

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