

## Participation Waiver for Communicable Diseases Including Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic has presented athletic programs across the world with myriad of challenges concerning this highly contagious illness. Some severe outcomes have been reported in children. A child with a mild or even asymptomatic case of Covid-19 can spread the infection to others who may be far more vulnerable.

While it is not possible to eliminate all risk of furthering the spread of Covid-19, Cristo Rey Brooklyn High School will take necessary precautions and comply with guidelines from the federal, state, and local governments, CDC, NYSDOH, as well as the NFHS, NYSPHSAA and CHSAA, to reduce the risks to students, coaches and support staff. As knowledge regarding Covid-19 is constantly changing, our school reserves the right to adjust and implement precautionary methods as necessary to decrease the risk of exposure for our staff, students and spectators. Some precautionary methods in the school's return to play plan include but may not be limited to:

1. In accordance with NYSDOH guidance student-athletes must wear acceptable face coverings, as tolerable, if a distance of at least six feet cannot be maintained, whether inside or outside.
2. Coaches, managers and other staff are required to wear a face covering when a distance of six feet cannot be maintained.
3. Before any practice or event, student-athletes and managers will use their smart-phone to complete the Covid-19 Screening Questionnaire, which will be shared with every student as a Google Form.
4. Student-athletes and managers will be screened for signs and symptoms of Covid-19. If a student-athlete exhibits any signs & symptoms, an attempt to contact the student-athlete's parent/ guardian will be made immediately and the student-athlete will be picked up by parent/ guardian; or the student-athlete will immediately independently travel home.
5. Student-athletes and managers will disinfect hands before any practice or event, during breaks and after any practice or event.
6. Equipment will be disinfected before any practice or event, during breaks and after any practice or event.
7. Social distancing and healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing and use of hand sanitizer will be promoted.
8. Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation in all facilities.
9. Educate athletes, coaches, and staff on health and safety protocols.
10. Require all student-athletes, managers and coaches to provide their own water bottle for hydration.

By signing this form, we acknowledge that we have read the CRBHS Return-to-Play Plan (RTP Plan), which is a separate document, in its entirety and that we will follow all policies in the CRBHS RTP Plan.

By signing this form, the undersigned voluntarily agree to the following waiver and release of liability. The undersigned agree to release and discharge all claims for ourselves, our heirs, and as a parent or legal guardian for the student named below, against CRBHS, its Board of Directors, successors, assigns, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers and will hold them harmless from any and all liability or demands for personal injury, psychological injury, sickness, death, or claims resulting from personal injury or property damage, of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred by the student or the undersigned relating to or as a result of the student's participation in athletic programs, events, and activities during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The undersigned acknowledge that participating in athletic programs, events, and activities may include a possible exposure to a communicable disease including but not limited to Covid-19. The undersigned further acknowledge that they are aware of the risks associated with Covid-19 and that certain vulnerable individuals may have greater health risks associated with exposure to Covid-19, including individuals with serious underlying health conditions whose immune systems are compromised. While particular recommendations and personal discipline may reduce

the risks associated with participating in athletics during the Covid-19 pandemic, the risk of serious illness, medical complications and possible death does exist.

We knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of others, and assume full responsibility for student's participation in athletics during the Covid-19 pandemic. We willingly agree to comply with the stated recommendations put forth by CRBHS to limit the exposure and spread of Covid-19 and other communicable diseases. We certify that the student is in good physical condition or believe the student to be in good physical condition and allow participation in interscholastic athletics at our own risk.

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student-Athlete's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student-athlete's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*A full copy of the CRBHS RTP Plan will be available at [cristoreybrooklyn.org](http://cristoreybrooklyn.org)*