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To: Coaches, Parents, Athletes

Date: March 8, 2021

RE: Pre-event testing for Colorado State High School Wrestling Championships

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) recently completed a study that shows a higher number of outbreaks associated with student athletes participating in club or high school sanctioned wrestling events, as compared to other sports and activities. The results are consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's description of [sporting events](#) that lead to increased risk of SARS-Co-V2 viral spread, including: 1) indoor events with an inability to wear a mask, 2) inability to physically distance during competition, and 3) increased travel between communities for competition. Due to the amount of COVID-19 outbreaks associated with wrestling and the amount of viral transmission still circulating in Colorado, CDPHE is requiring that all athletes participating in the 2021 Colorado state high school wrestling championships in Pueblo Colorado, on March 11-13, be tested prior to competition. This stipulation is a part of the Colorado High School Activities Association's variance to allow high school athletics during COVID-19.

Athletes may either obtain a test on their own up to 72 hours prior to the day of competition by visiting their health care provider or a free community testing site (**please plan ahead to allow 48 hours for test results to be processed**) or they will be tested at the CDPHE onsite testing center the day of the competition. Students who test positive will not be allowed to compete.

Instructions for testing:

- 1) Athletes may receive a test at their local health care provider or community testing site no more than 72 hours prior to competition.
 - a) *Health Care Provider:* Call the provider where the athlete normally gets their health care to schedule an appointment, recognizing that test results may take as long as **48 hours to process**, so please plan accordingly. The students should be able to get a test without having symptoms. If a provider tries to turn a healthy student away, please show them this standing [order](#) for testing.
 - b) *Free Community Testing Site:* Free COVID-19 testing has been made available by CDPHE all over the state. Find a testing location [here](#). You may schedule an appointment at a testing site near you [here](#).

After the athlete receives his or her results, please input the test result [here](#) or bring proof of negative test to check-in the day of the competition. If testing results are not available by the time an athlete arrives at the event, onsite testing will be required.



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2) Testing on Site at the Colorado State Fairgrounds

Rapid testing will be available onsite throughout the State Championships. Athletes should plan on the testing process taking approximately 45 minutes to complete, although it could be longer if there are wait times. Please plan accordingly. If an athlete arrives at the tournament without proof of a negative test result, they will be instructed to participate in the on-site testing.

Check in at Event

On the day of weigh in, teams should **FIRST** check in at the CDPHE site located in the Colorado Building at the CO State Fairgrounds. A map is located [here](#). At the site, CDPHE staff will verify test results from a health care provider or community testing site or administer a rapid test at that time. After teams have completed testing and/or verification of results, coaches will be given clearance to proceed to the tournament.

Response to Positive Tests

Test results are final and athletes that test positive will not be allowed to compete. Isolation instructions will be provided with a positive test result. Individuals who are isolating (or under quarantine due to prior exposure to COVID-19) will not be allowed to participate in or attend the event. If a positive test occurs on site, the athlete will be instructed to leave if possible and if not able to, the athlete will be required to mask and maintain maximum social distancing. Due to the large numbers of individuals undergoing rapid assessment, identification of close contacts will not be possible immediately prior to the event. Identification of close contacts will be the responsibility of the local public health department, which may result in individuals being required to quarantine immediately after events.