

North Tonawanda City School District

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Dear Parents;

As we learn more about the COVID-19 virus, we are beginning to look for later affects following infection. Recently, the *American Academy of Pediatrics* released a statement recommending that all children that have been infected with the virus be screened for cardiac symptoms due to possible effects on the heart. In light of this information, moving forward, the district will require that **all students grades K-12 that have tested positive for the virus, be cleared by their provider, to return to physical education and/or sports**. Students will not be permitted to participate in physical education and/or sports without this clearance.

A copy of the release form may be located on the district's website [here](#).

For those students that were ***previously infected***, i.e. prior to March 1, 2021, and have been regularly participating in physical education and/or sports, they will be permitted to continue without interruption, but parents are strongly encouraged to contact the child's provider as soon as possible to have a cardiac evaluation and clearance examination.

We have updated our *Interval Health History Form* used for extracurricular athletics to include questions related to the virus.

Please reach out to your child's school nurse or physician with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Douglas A. Schultz, MD
North Tonawanda City School District Medical Director