

SUBJECT: Sports – Safe Return to Play

To: WA State Legislator

I am (a parent, a coach, an athlete, an official, a supporter of sport, a fitness enthusiast) living in (City, State). As an elected representative of the people, I am pleading with you to reach out to Governor Inslee and ask that he reverse some of the most recent closures and restore our ability to play and workout by reopening our sports and fitness facilities. It is essential for our youth, adults and seniors to have a safe place for us to improve our mental, emotional and physical health.

There are numerous studies and data from within the state and across the country that demonstrate that these types of facilities and activities, when done responsibly, are NOT high transmission activities. I encourage you to read the letters from the Washington Fitness Alliance, Washington State Sports Alliance and WIAA which all reference various studies and contain supporting data and science to reopening these facilities.

- <https://www.washingtonfitnessalliance.com/updates/wfa-letter-to-governor-jay-inslee-b99k9>
- <https://www.hubsportscenter.org/response-to-new-guidelines-wa-state-sports-alliance/>
- <https://wiaa.com/News.aspx?ID=1745&Mon=11&Yr=2020>

Please use this space to speak about how these decisions are personally impacting you and your family.

- Taking away the opportunity to be active has a negative impact on my mental and emotional health.
- These facilities have the same protocols as the school system. Why are they being singled out and excluded?
- If we are trying to curb social gatherings within homes and friend groups, why are we closing safe places for people to congregate?
- Kids need more activity. With virtual school, they are not getting the necessary activity and interactions that normally accompany a school day.
- Our youth and families are looking to you to advocate for them.
- Businesses are having to close and we will have nothing to return to when this is “over”.

I respectfully ask for your support and advocacy to reinstate this essential resources of fitness and play. These are desperately needed to combat the stress, anxiety and depression brought on by the virus and the absence of these opportunities. It is obvious that without your voice, our pleas are going unheard. Please get involved and come together so that we can fight for what’s right. We deserve to exercise; we deserve to play. We are simply asking for this government to not force us to give up something that makes us stronger and healthier as people. I am counting on you to be a voice for us and the youth of Washington.

Respectfully,

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