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PIAA, in conjunction with the PA Department of Health, continues to stress the following items. We are sharing this message with our schools and the public at large. Tuesday and Wednesday, PIAA will host 96 basketball games in 12 classifications at various schools/sites throughout the Commonwealth and Wednesday we will start the registration process for the 86th Annual PIAA Swimming and Diving Championships to be held at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA.

PIAA has been in constant contact with the PA Department of Health to monitor the coronavirus situation in Pennsylvania and both groups are continuing to promote the following items:

1. The Department of Health has advocated no cancellation of public events or community gatherings.
2. The Department of Health is monitoring the state and working with all area health departments for consistent messaging and evaluations of citizens' health status.
3. In the cases of discovered coronavirus, one person infected, does not correspond to community spread.
4. People who traveled to known areas of having the virus are known and being monitored and evaluated daily.
5. It's suggested to use the same good health habits to protect yourself from the flu and may assist you in the prevention of the coronavirus.
 - Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds.
 - Use alcohol based hand sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
 - Cover coughs and sneezes with elbow, not hands.
 - Clean surfaces frequently and other frequently touched areas.
 - If sick, please stay home, until feeling better.
6. If symptoms are recognized, a suggested health guideline is to stay home for 14 days.
7. If a threat occurs or there is new information, the PA Department of Health through its website, www.health.pa.gov, will post the most up to date information to keep the general public informed.
8. Pre-game and post-game handshakes may be replaced with fist pumps, forearm pumps or elbow pumps.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. It is appreciated.