



South Carolina High School League

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## **SCHSL: COVID-19/Coronavirus update (3-25-20)**

In accordance with the Executive Order by Governor McMaster, all South Carolina public schools are closed until the end of April. This includes SCHSL member schools with private schools strongly encouraged to follow suit. The South Carolina High School League must also suspend all sports activities during this school closure order. This suspension includes all contests, practices, workouts, tryouts (conditioning and strength training), and/or open season skill development.

"We must continue the suspension of athletics not only as a necessary safety measure but to fully comply with the Governor's Executive Order. We plan to have the SCHSL Executive Committee reconvene via teleconference on April 2, 2020, to review the Spring sports schedule. It saddens me to say at this time, there is not a prediction on when middle and high school athletics will resume," states Commissioner Jerome Singleton.

The COVID-19/Coronavirus has spread across South Carolina and the nation with social distancing being critical to halt its rapid infection rate. School athletics is not a primary concern when compared to the health and safety of our student-athletes, coaches, their families or fans. We ask that you continue to follow the advice of medical professionals, while maintaining communication with your local education leaders.

We can't begin to share our sincere appreciation for your patience and understanding while we wait and hope for an end to this global virus.

**Next scheduled SCHSL Executive Committee meeting:** April 2, 2020 via teleconference to review Spring sports schedule and the status of COVID-19/Coronavirus.