

May 19, 2020

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President of Wichita Sports Forum, Stryker Sports Complex

Attachments:

1. Letter to Governor Kelly
2. Company COVID-19 Response



Governor Kelly,

My name is Tymber Lee. I am one of the owners / operators of Wichita Sports Forum and Stryker Sports Complex in Wichita, KS which plays host to 100+ basketball, volleyball, soccer, baseball, softball, football, lacrosse and cheer sporting events with over 2.5 million athletes, coaches and spectators attending annually. This complex is a shining place that Wichita and the Kansas STAR bond program helped keep citizens in Kansas, and attracted citizens from other states to spend their money.

As a citizen and business owner in Sedgwick County, KS I have followed and obeyed your guidelines handed down in an attempt to flatten the COVID curve. I have completely shut down my sports facilities and terminated over 100 employees in the process of doing my part to help out.

Having said that, I am confused and disturbed by allowing government officials to determine which businesses are winners and losers in this phased rollout. Your office proposed a 3-phase plan to reopen Kansas and stated that in order to move to the next phase we needed to see a downward trajectory in the numbers of cases. This established milestone was reached and per today's announcement, the goal line was moved. Since your 3-phase plan was announced employees have been rehired, precautions have been implemented, money has been spent and programming planned all for not because arbitrarily your office decided you wanted to see something else

Case in point regarding how your plan is not a level playing field and that you are arbitrarily picking and choosing which businesses survive this reopening is the restaurant industry. I can go to any restaurant in the city with a group of 10 and sit 6 feet away from another group of 10 and be perfectly fine under your guidelines. However, God forbid I put kids / young adults on a basketball court 50 feet apart, on a soccer field spread out over an acre of land or spread out over a baseball / softball field. I can walk into most any big box retailer such as Home Depot, Lowes and Walmart and be among 200 other people standing in line but I can't hold a practice on a soccer field, basketball / volleyball court. Meanwhile our neighboring States such as Arkansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Missouri are welcoming our athletes with open arms and allowing competition.

We played by the previous rules of your original plan, we know the numbers you were concerned with are consistently in line with your plan, and we invested in employees and scheduling based on being a part of Phase 2, as your plan stated. If we are not allowed to open for the weekend of May 22nd, all investment will be added to our previous losses for the past months. I will have to cancel and refund all monies, and allow those teams to go to our neighboring states for the next 2 weeks.

I do not stand alone in this fight to bring our business community and our state back to a new normal. Please do not disregard our civil liberties as Americans and Kansans. Please give the rights to the general public to choose if they feel it is safe to attend and participate and stop the government overreach.

Sincerely,

Tymber Lee
President, Wichita Sports Forum, LLC

2020 COVID-19 RESPONSE

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for taking this very important issue under advisement. Under the attached plan we can operate practices, trainings and tournaments with a mass gathering limit of 10, similar to how restaurants are operating under the current guidelines with a distancing of six feet between tables of 10 people or less. I would say 30+ would be preferred but we can act accordingly with numbers 10 and up.

As I hope you will see, we are dedicated to the safety of our employees and patrons alike.

Thank you for your time,

Tymber Lee
President of Wichita Sports Forum, Stryker Sports Complex.

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2020 COVID-19 RESPONSE

- If you are sick or someone in your circle of friends and family are - stay home.
- Individuals that are "at risk" need to stay home.
- Children 12 & under, that are not playing must stay with their parent or stay home.
- All bleachers will be removed. We ask parents to bring lawn chairs and keep social distancing in mind for those outside of their family. Mezzanine will also be open to help with distancing.
- The concession will be open - only prepackaged food and drinks.
- No handshakes after games.
- Teams will not be allowed to share water bottles. All individuals will be instructed to bring their own.
- Sports balls will be wiped down before each game, at each timeout, at halftime and after each game.
- Games will be scheduled further apart to help with crossover between games.
- While supplies last we will keep hand sanitizer will at scorer's table. Teams are asked to bring their own.
- There will be multiple egress points on the building to alleviate mass gatherings.
- We will be opening up parts of facility so teams can gather further apart from other teams.
- There will be a dedicated staff member to monitor compliance throughout the facility.
- All staff members are screened with questions about travel, health, temperature and contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Practices and trainings will follow social distancing guidelines and mass gatherings will be monitored. Set guidelines will be distributed to each team and available at the facility at all times
- Our facility will have an electrostatic disinfecting done prior to tournaments by a 3rd party professional cleaning company.
- Anyone not abiding by these rules including social distancing will be asked to leave the premises if they are not willing to comply

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