MEMORANDUM

To: Non-Select Boys’ Basketball Tournament Information
From: Eddie Bonine, LHSAA Executive Director/The Burton Complex
Subject: Public Health Statement
Date: March 10, 2020

In collaboration with the National Federation of State High Schools (NFHS), the National Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC), and the Louisiana State Department of Health we submit the following:

The 2020 Boys Basketball Marsh Madness Tournament begins today at the Burton Coliseum Complex, in Lake Charles, and officials are continuing to monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The health and well-being of the tournament’s participants and guests, including fans, student-athletes, coaches, staff, and media is of the utmost importance, and the Burton is taking numerous precautions through the week. Burton staff has also been engaged on this subject with the Office of Homeland Security and the State Department of Health.

The Burton Complex is following directives from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and advocating a risk mitigation approach. Educational material, stressing the importance of patrons washing their hands to stop the spread of germs and respiratory diseases such as COVID-19, will be posted throughout the Burton Coliseum.

The Burton Complex requests that all teams, staff, officials, fans, and volunteers follow the CDC’s standard precautions which include:

1. Avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
2. Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
3. Staying home if you are sick.
4. Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue and immediately disposing of the tissue in the trash.
5. Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the restroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.