

# **Berks County Commissioners Weekly Update**

COVID-19 Update: How the virus impacts children and athletes

**Wednesday, October 21, 2020 3:30PM** *(Participants should be on the call 20 minutes ahead for technical set up and event overview)*

**Welcome – Commissioner Christian Leinbach** *approx. 2 min*

**Comments – Commissioner Michael Rivera** - *approx. 2 min*

**Comments – Commissioner Kevin Barnhardt** – *approx. 2 min*

**Introduction of the Panel – Commissioner Leinbach**

- **Dr. Johanna Kelly** – Pediatrician, Reading Pediatrics, Inc.
- **Dr. Tom Kohl** – Family and Sports Medicine Physician, Tower Health Medical Group
- **Dr. Michael Baxter, MD** – Chairman of the Berks County COVID-19 Medical Advisory Panel, Past Chair of Berks County Medical Society, Past Chair of Tower Health Family and Community Medicine

The Panel will address the following questions and topics:

- 1) Overview of current COVID-19 situation in Berks County:
  - Case numbers, trends, etc.
  - What is the outlook for Berks County as we head into the colder months?
  - Can you speak about “COVID fatigue” and the impact the pandemic is having beyond those who are ill?
- 2) COVID-19 and Athletes:
  - How does COVID-19 affect athletes?
  - What is the risk of transmission when playing a sport?
  - What precautions can athletes and teams take to stay safe?

3) COVID and Kids:

- What is the risk of infection and severity for children? What types of symptoms do they present?
- What is the risk for transmission to others for children?
- What prevention efforts are in place and what types of responses have schools taken to the virus?

4) What steps can we do as a community to continue to fight the virus and stay safe?

5) **Question and Answers** – Facilitated by Commissioner Leinbach