

Dear Punxsutawney Area Community,

The Punxsutawney Christian and Missionary Alliance Church has made the difficult decision to suspend the 2021 season of our recreational and instructional basketball program. We would like you to understand our decision. First, due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in our area, we feel it best to limit exposure to the kids, their extended families, and the community. Kids are kids and they share just about every germ and virus, and then take it home with them. Second, the current prognosis is for increasing COVID-19 activity, and that makes us unsure of what January, February and March will bring. Third, we feel that tight screening and protective measures for participants along with limiting and screening spectators would make choices difficult for each family. Our desire is to conduct the best program we can, and in our view, this year's program would not be able to fulfill that goal. Thank you for letting us share the reasons behind our decision.

The Elders of the Punxsutawney Alliance Church