

The AlertNow System for Special Olympics

Individuals, families, caregivers, providers, and the staff that comprise the Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities have access to AlertNow, a notification service that provides up-to-date information on agency emergencies.

Several Stark school districts, such as North Canton and Jackson, currently use similar systems to make immediate announcements to families.

Special Olympics is a yearlong program filled with events, games, and practices. During this time, it is possible for some of these gatherings to be canceled or re-scheduled. Under the AlertNow system, we are attempting to contact people to make them aware of the situation. With this system, you will receive phone calls, text messages or email regarding a canceled event. It is our goal to make sure every involved person is notified and notified in a timely manner.

Special Olympians, coaches, and volunteers can receive alerts by several methods... phone, email and text message to a cellular phone. Everyone must have at least one phone number listed as an emergency contact. Any additional methods are your choice.

- **TO RECEIVE ALERTS BY PHONE OR E-MAIL**, please fill out the Staff Contact Information form and return it to the AlertNow authority for your program. **NOTE:** If this contact information changes at any time during the program year, it is your responsibility to re-submit a form to the Special Olympics Coordinator at Whipple Dale Center

- **TO RECEIVE ALERTS BY TEXT MESSAGE**, you must opt-in for this service by filling out and signing the attached form. Texting charges may apply, which are determined by your cell phone carrier and your contract. *Stark County DD is not liable for charges incurred when you sign-up to receive AlertNow notifications by text message.* If you do not have internet access, please contact the Stark DD AlertNow help line at 330-479-3816 for assistance.

The AlertNow notification system is only one way of discovering cancelations regarding Special Olympic events. You can also visit the Stark County Board of DD website. Go to www.starkdd.org and then click on the Alerts and Closings tab. Social media is another great way to find cancelations. You can go to the Stark County DD Facebook page and look for information there as well.

For questions about AlertNow registration, contact the Stark DD AlertNow help line at 330-479-3816 or email at helpdesk@starkdd.org. You can also contact the Special Olympics Coordinator, Bryan Stuck, at 330-479-3794 or stuckb@starkdd.org.

Special Olympics Contact Information for AlertNow

Please fill out the information on this form to sign up for your AlertNow notification information.
Note: you do not need to fill this out if you already receive Stark DD alerts.

Today's Date: _____

Name of Child or Adult associated with Special Olympics _____

(athlete, volunteer, coach etc.)

Please indicate what sports he/she participates in:

_____ Basketball _____ Bocce _____ Bowling
_____ Softball _____ Swimming _____ Track & Field

I would like to receive AlertNow messages at the following phone number(s):

Primary Phone: _____

Additional phone number(s) to be called:

e-mail address(es) two limit:

I would like to receive AlertNow messages by text. (Please complete below, sign off on terms, conditions)

NOTE: You will receive a TEST text message indicating that you have chosen to receive AlertNow text messages. You will have the option to OPT OUT of text messaging at this time if you change your mind.

Primary Cell Phone

First Last

Cell Phone Owner:

Number Carrier/Provider

Cell Phone Number: - -

Secondary Cell Phone (Optional)

First Last

Cell Phone Owner:

Number Carrier/Provider

Cell Phone Number: - -

By electing to receive SMS notifications (text messages) sent on behalf of your institution via the AlertNow SMS service, you agree to abide by the terms and conditions of your cellular service provider. You further acknowledge that you are 100% responsible for any charges incurred by you from your cellular provider for receiving any SMS messages sent by your institution.

I agree to the above terms and conditions _____

Return this completed form to your coach or Special Olympics Coordinator