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Plan for Spectator Attendance at High Risk Sporting Events

We are very excited that State and County guidelines are offering the opportunity for our students to participate in school athletic programs. We recognize that spectators enjoy supporting our student athletes and play a supporting role in our programs. However, during this pandemic, the safety of our student athletes, athletic staffs, and families is our top priority. Therefore, we are not permitting spectators at our Winter sports since all contests are held indoors. We will be allowing spectators at Fall and Spring season sports that are being held outdoors. We have developed a plan for the volleyball and girls' swim seasons with the goal of permitting spectators at those contests contingent on data regarding current community positivity and infection rates over the next two weeks. The following guidelines will be put into place for high risk sporting events:

- Two (2) spectators per player will be admitted to their student athlete's contest is held in the high school gymnasium (volleyball) and East Middle School pool (girls swim) or at Alumni Stadium. Parent passes will be distributed to all parents.
- Visiting teams' will not be able to have spectators at this time.
- High school gym and East Middle School pool admittance and exit locations will be the main entrances of the high school and middle school. Safety protocols will take place prior to admittance. (Signature on attestation, temperature screening, hand sanitizing, and collection of contact information.)
- Alumni Stadium admittance and exit location will be the front gate. Safety protocols will take place prior to admittance. (Signature on attestation, temperature screening, hand sanitizing, and collection of contact information.)
- Proper mask wearing will be enforced for all spectators. Masks must be worn over the nose and under the chin at all times.
- No food or drink can be consumed at the athletic event.
- Visitors will enter the gymnasium, pool or Alumni Stadium and be assigned seating. Visitors will be expected to remain in assigned seats during entire length of contest. Exceptions will be made for restroom visits or departing early from contest.
- Assigned seats are marked on the bleachers using 12' distancing from each spectator and from the playing surface. This will limit the need for contact tracing. Individuals from the same household may sit next to each other.
- Spectators will exit the gymnasium, pool or Alumni Stadium immediately following the end of the contest.

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