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Parents/Guardians and Athletes:

With the start of the JV/Varsity winter sports season this week, I wanted to remind you of the current NYSDOH mandates that we are obligated to follow for indoor athletics. The following is the NYS response when asked if a student athlete can participate in indoor athletics and remove their face covering:

*“DOH’s guidance does make some accommodations for indoor sports where masking is not possible, but with the caveat that individuals must be distanced 6 feet apart, but otherwise participants must wear masks. Unlike some prior guidance, CDC’s most recent masking guidance does not make an exception for school sports/activities where masking may not be “tolerable” to a participant, unless the participant has an ADA recognized disability. In fact, the CDC guidance recommends masking for activities in the same manner as for regular classroom/in school. Therefore, if individuals are participating in indoor sports and it is not possible for them to wear masks, they must maintain at least 6 feet physical distancing at all times when unmasked. **If it is not possible for them to wear masks and not possible to maintain 6 foot distancing at all times, then that individual should not participate in the event.**”*

We also ask that all spectators please adhere to the masking mandates that we are required to follow as a NYS public school and also attempt to sit a minimum of 3 feet from other parties in the gym while attending our inter-scholastic events. We thank you in advance for helping us keep all of our student athletes in the game for the duration of the season.

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