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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Oswego County Health Department revised their original guidance regarding High Risk Winter Sports and are now going to allow each school district in Oswego County to have spectators in attendance at indoor sporting events for **ONLY the home team**. The Oswego County Health Department informed all Oswego County school districts at 5:07 PM today that schools and recreational leagues who opt to allow for spectators must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Limit spectators to the smaller of either 2 spectators per athlete **or** 50% of their spectator area capacity. At Central Square, the lesser of the two scenarios is 2 spectators per student-athlete, so that is what we are mandated to do according to the revised guidelines (below) from the Oswego County Health Department. For games at PVM High School and Central Square Middle School, that means we are only allowed to permit 2 spectators per student-athlete, per team. We measured Millard Hawk Elementary (where our modified games are played) and unfortunately, we cannot accommodate any spectators at games played at Millard Hawk Elementary because of the space issue in that gym.
- Allow only home team spectators for indoor athletic events.
- Each district must submit revised safety plans to the Oswego County Health Department prior to allowing spectators.
- All spectators must wear their masks at ALL times.

This officially goes into effect on Wednesday, March 3, however, we informed the Oswego County Health Department that tomorrow (Tuesday) is the last home game for our Boys Varsity and Junior Varsity Basketball Teams and **the Health Department gave us permission at Central Square to allow spectators (complying with the mandated requirements listed above) as long as we submit our safety protocols to the Oswego County Health Department by noon tomorrow (Tuesday)**. We have just sent them our sports safety protocol plan. Here is the updated Sports Guidelines from the Oswego County Health Department:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qrCzyS3KviF1ho5zWbt096VFWPVFiKrk/view?usp=sharing>

We will continue to livestream all games at the varsity, junior varsity, and modified level because although it is great that we are allowed to have 2 spectators per student-athlete, per team, we want the rest of our student-athletes' families that cannot be in attendance to have the opportunity to watch the games. Thank you for being so patient throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Colabufo
Superintendent