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SCHOOL ATHLETICS COVID-19 MITIGATION AND FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has permitted local health jurisdictions to implement local exemptions to the requirement for masks during play for some indoor school sports. For high intensity indoor school athletic programs (including basketball and volleyball), participants in Placer County must do one of the following:

a. Wear a mask at all times, including during practice, scrimmages, and game play (no testing requirements), or
b. Perform at least weekly screening testing with either PCR testing (1:1 or pooled PCR) or antigen testing of all individuals, including those who are fully vaccinated

Masks must continue to be worn by all participants when not actively engaged in practice, scrimmages, or game play.

All participants and coaches are strongly encouraged to get fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

This local exemption, which is effective immediately, is limited to the specific aforementioned activities. It will be re-evaluated on an ongoing basis and is subject to change or removal.

Other indoor school activities, such as performing arts and music, are still under consideration by CDPH, and we will provide updates as they become available.

Be well,

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