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Authorization For High-Risk Sports to Begin February 1st

To All Steuben County School Superintendents:

In consultation with our districts and in accordance with NYS DOH Guidelines, Steuben County Public Health authorizes high-risk sports to begin on February 1st. As responsible parties, school districts must strictly adhere to the *INTERIM GUIDANCE FOR SPORTS AND RECREATION DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY* guidelines as amended by NYS DOH on January 22, 2021.

In addition, and with the unanimous agreement of school district administration in Steuben County, the following guidelines also apply:

- Athletes must wear an acceptable face covering (as detailed in NYS DOH guidance), unless a medical exemption is obtained from medical provider and approved by the school's physician; and
- Spectators will not be permitted to attend indoor sporting events.

Please note, this is the minimal guidance schools must adhere to, but school districts may implement more restrictive measures should they choose.

Respectfully,

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