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DATE: March 16, 2021
TO: High School Students and Families
FROM: Jeff Lowell, District Athletics and Activities Director
RE: High school athletics update

Season 1 Updates

We are excited about the progress of Season 1 sports and that participants in these programs had a chance to compete for the first time in many months last week. Building athletic directors, coaches, and volunteers across the district continue to focus their attention on providing safe opportunities for all programs in the coming weeks.

The installation of Pixellot streaming cameras in each school's gym and stadium is now complete. The streaming platform is part of the National Federation of High Schools ([NFHS](#)). While we hoped for a different option, please note that there is a subscription fee to access athletic events on their **entire** network. So, for less than the price of two adult (or away student) tickets to get into a single game in a normal year, a monthly or annual [subscription](#) will get the subscriber access to every game played in a BSD stadium or gym for that month **and** seven years' worth of past athletic events across their entire network.

Additionally, the management at Mary Wayte Pool, where we host our home swim and dive meets has secured the ability to stream competitions at that site as well.

Please look for instructions about how to access these viewing opportunities from your school's athletics department.

Transition to Phase 3

Last Thursday, March 11, Governor Inslee announced a move to Phase 3 of the Healthy Washington – Roadmap to Recovery Plan. On Friday, March 12, the [WIAA announced their summary of the Phase 3 guidelines](#). Important elements of the update include:

1. **Updates to the Phase 2 spectator guidelines:** Spectator guidelines in the update are more complex than the strict 200-person limit for indoor or outdoor competitions included in phase 2. We are currently working to determine how the updates apply to our outdoor and indoor venues. This week, we plan to revise and re-post the [Plan for Spectators for Fall Season Sports 2020-21](#) document, currently found on the Athletics and Activities Department page. Updates will also be sent out through each school's athletics department.
2. **Season 2 High Risk Indoor Sports:** The move to Phase 3 also provides opportunities for competitions for basketball, wrestling, and competitive cheer (no tournaments) during our Season 2, set to begin April 5.
3. **Change in Phasing Metrics:** A key element of the move to Phase 3 is how individual counties remain in their current phase. Each county will be evaluated every three weeks on Monday, with any change taking place on the subsequent Friday. The first evaluation will be April 12, one week into Season 2 sports. King County will need to maintain less than 200 new cases per 100,000 population over the previous 14 days **and** less than 5% new COVID hospitalizations per 100,000 population over the previous 7 days.
4. **Hospital Capacity:** If at any point the statewide ICU capacity reaches greater than 90%, all counties will move down one Phase.

Continued Updates

We will continue to send regular updates to high school families every two weeks. After sending the updates, we will also post each one on the Athletics and Activities department page.

Participants and their families will continue to see more targeted communications from building athletic departments and coaching staff prior to **and** throughout their scheduled seasons.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Athletics and Activities Department by email (lowellj@bsd405.org or arnonea@bsd405.org), phone (425-456-4010 or 425-456-4050) or [Let's Talk](#).

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- [Friday January 29, 2021](#) (General update about KingCo Conference athletics)
- [Thursday February 4, 2021: Chinese](#) | [Spanish](#) (Registration, February Conditioning, Academic Eligibility)
- [Thursday February 11, 2021: Chinese](#) | [Spanish](#) (Waived Fees, KingCo scheduling, Non-WIAA season dates)
- [Thursday February 18, 2021: Chinese](#) | [Spanish](#) (Schedules, Spectators, Academic Eligibility, Try-Outs)
- [Thursday February 26, 2021: Chinese](#) | [Spanish](#)
- [Plan for Spectators for Fall Season Sports 2020-21](#) | [Chinese](#) | [Spanish](#)
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- [Sports Season Guidelines 2020-21](#)