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To: Horizon Families & Staff
From: Kevin C. Garinger, Director of Education
Cc: Horizon Board of Education
Date: November 2, 2020
Re: Horizon Return to Sport Protocol Update

Good afternoon, Horizon families & staff.

Horizon School Division's most critical priorities include supporting the physical, mental, and social health and wellbeing of our students, staff, and families. This is why we feel it is important to do everything we can to provide opportunities for our students to safely engage in activities like school sports. Much work has gone into developing our protocols to allow sport to continue within our schools, while also ensuring we mitigate the current health risks and limit the spread of COVID-19. Students, staff, and families have been remarkable in support of these new requirements and modified ways of doing things. We must remain vigilant in these efforts. We all have an important role to play to ensure these opportunities for school sports remain available for our students.

During our pause on sports, we took the necessary time to review our protocols, and made an adjustment for clarity in the areas relating to Participants, Spectators, and Transportation. Student athletes and coaches are now required to answer the following questions prior to participation at every practice and game. If answering "yes" to either of the questions below, athletes or coaches/staff will not be permitted to participate in the activity. **The school principal will ensure that coaches document their answers and are prepared to provide this documentation to the school or school division, when requested.**

- **Are you experiencing any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19?**
(Refer to the current symptom list available on the [saskatchewan.ca Self Assessment Tool](#))
- **Have you been in contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 within the past 14 days?**

We require that any spectators consider the above questions prior to entering a Horizon facility. If answering "yes", those spectators shall not enter the facility. We require that any parent/caregivers transporting student athletes consider the above questions prior to their trip. If answering "yes", other transportation arrangements will be made for those students.

Prior to beginning their next practice or game, all coaches must lead their players and coaching staff in a review of all general and sport-specific protocols found in Horizon's Return to Sport Protocol. Our Return to Sport Protocol can be found on our website, at [horizonsd.ca/HCAA/ReturntoSport](#).

The additions to our protocol, and our current practices and procedures have demonstrated in part the mitigation of COVID-19 spread. As a result, and following our precautionary one-week pause on extracurricular sports in Horizon School Division, our students, coaches, and volunteers are able to resume school sport activities, effective today, Monday, November 2, as per the amended schedule.

Thank you for everything you have done so far, Horizon. Your continuing work and support of our protocols and provincial Health guidelines makes it possible for us to safely bring our kids back to the sports they love.

Sincerely,



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