



OFFICE OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Michelle Rodriguez
Superintendent

March 9, 2020

Dear Families of Student Athletes of Spring Sports,

The safety of your child is Pajaro Valley Unified School District's top priority. While Coronavirus (COVID-19) represents a serious public health threat, the risk to Santa Cruz County residents remains low at this time. We are in constant communication with the Public Health Officer, Dr. Gail Newel, as it is a fluid situation with changing conditions. We are providing community updates with greater frequency as needed. You can find that information on pvusd.net.

On March 8, 2020, you received a message from all 10 Superintendents in the county regarding COVID-19 which indicated that out of an abundance of caution, we have made the difficult decision to cancel all field trips with destinations outside of Santa Cruz County. Today, I met with all of the Athletic Directors and Site Administration from the three comprehensive high schools to discuss the case by case review recommendation for athletic competitions.

At present, we will continue with all sporting events that occur in open, outdoor spaces such as track and field and soccer. For all sports, we are asking that the students refrain from the after the game "hand shake". We are canceling middle school wrestling. We will be cancelling all play and hosting of Boys Volleyball tournaments as they occur in an enclosed space with crowded conditions which leads to elevated exposure risk. We will work with the various leagues to see if we can schedule scrimmages to replace these tournaments. Boys Volleyball single team matches will continue to occur. The audience for the matches will be only parents to limit gatherings to 50 people or less, as recommended most recently by Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency. At times, the games will occur outside of Santa Cruz County and the participation of the athlete will be up to the individual families.

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Please know that we will keep you updated as new information evolves. Thank you for partnering with us on your child's educational journey. Once again, the safety of your child is our number one priority. If you have any questions, please contact the school's Athletic Director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michelle Rodriguez".

Michelle Rodriguez, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools