

January 4, 2021

Dear Central Bucks Winter Sports Parents & Guardians:

As we welcome our winter sports athletes back to courts, pools, mats and tracks, our athletic staff is committed to providing opportunities for competition this winter season. Our goal is to provide our student athletes with a positive and safe experience this winter, in accordance with the many variables encompassing the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is one change to the winter sports season that we would like to bring to your attention. As of January 4th, 2021, many of the opposing schools' athletic health and safety plans require masking at all times; therefore, in order for our athletic teams to play against these schools, we must require all student athletes to wear masks while competing, with the exception of the sport of swimming. There has already been an increase in full-team shutdowns this winter as compared to the fall sports season. By masking, we hope to avoid full-team shutdowns wherever possible in the future.

If your child has a medical condition as outlined in <u>Section 3 of the Universal Masking Order</u>, please contact your school nurse to obtain a waiver.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we navigate the athletic landscape in this pandemic.

Best,

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