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Dear Center School District Families,

The Kansas City Health Department has recommended that the Center School District cancel the remainder of the High School Fall Volleyball season due to the reported positive COVID-19 case.

“We have been working alongside the Kansas City Health Department and partnering with their expertise to guide our decision making related to the COVID-19 pandemic. While it is a difficult decision to cancel the Volleyball season, we value and honor our public health expertise to create a healthy environment for our students and staff,” said Dr. Yolanda Cargile.

“Volleyball is an indoor sport and there is no practical way to physical distance. Even if players wear a mask, the exertion and indoor setting create greater transmission risks. We recommend all high school indoor sports, volleyball and basketball be delayed and reassessed in the Spring,” said Dr. Rex Archer, Kansas City health director.

The Center School District is exploring options of moving the Volleyball season to Spring; however, participation will be contingent upon finding other teams who agree to compete in a Spring season. Dr. Archer also mentioned basketball in his statement. Basketball is a winter sport that is slated to begin in November. We will make a decision regarding basketball, closer to the start of the official season.

The team began practicing this summer and followed all safety guidelines established by the Center School District based on recommendations from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), guidance issued by the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA), and in partnership with the Kansas City Health Department (KCHD), the Missouri River Valley West Conference (MRVC), and the Children’s Mercy Athletic Training Program.

At this time, the recommendation is only limited to this sport. All other athletic activities will continue to practice and compete in conference games. We will continue to work with our coaches and staff and strictly enforce the COVID-19 Athletic Expectations and Guidelines.

The Center School District Facilities Department will conduct a deep clean and sanitation of all areas associated with practice of any sports including locker rooms, weight rooms, all equipment, etc. These additional efforts are coupled with the already daily cleaning and sanitation efforts being implemented throughout the building.

We understand this announcement precedes the start of our in-person support for our diverse learning groups slated to begin on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

District officials will continue to monitor guidance from public health experts regarding in-person support. Families of eligible students have the choice to not participate in face-to-face learning. If you would like to make changes to the option you have chosen for your child, please contact Ms. Shelia Johnston with our Academic Services Department.

Academic Services Department: 816.349:3303 or email sjohnston@center.k12.mo.us

If you have further questions about athletics or activities, please contact Mr. Samuel Simmons, Center High School Assistant Principal & Athletic and Activities Director.

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Thank you,

Center School District Leadership