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At the request of the GPS physical education staff, the District reached out to the CT Department of Health for direction on various activities. One area which remained unclear, per the Governor's Executive Order, was safe swimming protocols. We recently were informed by Superintendent Dr. Toni Jones that the state epidemiologist, Thomas St. Louis, MSPH, sent the following message to us:

"I would suspend pool-based activities at this time because masks are not worn while in the water. The rules technically allow for lap swimming at one person per lane, but if you have alternative activities that can be done with masks on, I would encourage those."

As much as we would love to keep teaching aquatics in our pool, we feel that the recommendation of the state epidemiologist must be adhered to mitigate potential infections.

Effective December 7th, 2020 until further notice; there will be **NO** 9th-grade aquatic classes. Students are still expected to show up to class. All aquatic students will now need to come prepared for class with sneakers so that they may participate safely in all activities. In lieu of swimming, GHS Physical Education staff will provide "alternative" learning activities, such as pool and open water safety lessons. Students will not need to repeat Aquatics at a later time.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding to keep everyone in our community safe.