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Dear Parent/Guardian,

You are receiving this letter as a result of your child showing interest in participating in athletics.

Out of an abundance of caution, the American Academy of Pediatrics is recommending that all students who have had COVID-19, should be screened by their doctor for cardiomyopathy prior to their participation in sports. Cardiomyopathy is a weakened heart muscle that can occur due to infection with the COVID-19 virus, as well as other viruses.

If your child has had COVID-19, he/she will need to be cleared by their physician and must go through a "return to play protocol" to assess for shortness of breath, chest pain, excessive fatigue and dizziness or fainting during exercise. The "return to play protocol" is outlined on the accompanying form and should be completed by your child's doctor. You will need to have the attached form signed by your child's doctor and returned to the JFK MS or HS main office in order for your child to participate in athletics. This is being done to ensure the safety of your child and to meet the recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Any child not cleared by their doctor would be referred to see a cardiologist. We expect that this would occur very rarely. If your child does not have a doctor, please contact the school for assistance.

Thank you for partnering with us to keep your child safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

*Kimberly B. Prise, MD*

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