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EXECUTIVE APPROVES HIGH-RISK SPORTS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Only In-County Competition Permitted

Until Rolling 7 Day Average Positivity Rate Drops Below 4 Percent

FONDA—County Executive Matthew L. Ossenfort announced today in conjunction with Public Health Director Sara Boerenko that high-risk sports are permitted to begin Feb. 1, pending local school district approval. Spectators will not be allowed at games and scrimmages, however districts plan to use live streaming for parents and fans.

“Together with our superintendents, we have created a path forward for high-risk sports that balances safety but also allows student athletes to compete,” said Ossenfort.

Ossenfort noted that teams will be allowed to begin practicing, scheduling scrimmages and games Feb. 1 within Montgomery County. Upon the rolling 7 day average falling below 4 percent or less, Montgomery County teams will be allowed to play games with counties that have approved play. Currently districts are awaiting guidance from Section 2 regarding wrestling protocols and more information will be forthcoming upon receipt.

“This decision will allow teams to begin practice and games, avoiding a total loss of the season. It is truly my hope the metrics improve and student athletes can commence out of county competition during the winter season,” added Ossenfort.

The County Executive will discuss high-risk sports in further detail as well as answer the public’s questions during Montgomery County's Facebook live briefing Monday at 1 p.m.

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