

Thursday, February 4, 2021

**\*\*\*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE\*\*\***

Friends of District 201 Athletics,

We are excited to announce that today, Thursday, February 4, 2021, the Illinois Department of Health (IDPH), along with the Illinois High School Association (IHSA), have moved Region 4 into Phase 4, as it pertains to athletics. That means that District 201 student-athletes and teams are now allowed to participate and play in athletic events, under the guidelines set forth by the IDPH/IHSA.

While this is exciting news for our student-athletes, as well as our stakeholders, it also comes with specific guidelines. These new guidelines will include the following:

- Masks must be worn at all times.
- 50 total, home fans only, at indoor events for all levels. All fans will be predetermined. The number allotted to each player will be determined prior to the event.
- Anyone not on the District 201 Athletic Pass List for a contest, will politely be turned away.
- All fans must enter through the main gym entrance.
- Doors will open no sooner than 30 minutes prior to the start of an event.
- Temperatures will be taken at the door upon arrival, and symptoms screening questions will be asked.
- Must show a current, valid state ID upon entering. Will be checked with name on the list.
- No District 201 fans/guests will be allowed at any away events.
- Guests of our athletes will sit in designated areas that are predetermined and marked, and all social distancing (minimum 6 feet apart) will be enforced.
- Bathrooms will be available.
- Gyms and necessary areas will be disinfected as needed.
- Concessions will not be served.
- For those not able to attend, a livestream(s) will be available. This includes Varsity/JV and all underclass events.

While we know there may be a learning-curve operating under these new guidelines, we couldn't be more excited for our student-athletes to be able to participate in the sports they love and have been patiently waiting for. For all other questions, please contact your respective school's Athletic Office.

Thank you for your loyal support of District 201 Athletics.