



#WeAreFenton

Dear Fenton Athletic Community,

Earlier this evening (November 15, 2020) the Director of the MI Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) made an announcement regarding new restrictions on schools and our communities to fight against the spread of COVID-19. This message is to speak to you about the impact these new guidelines have on our Athletic Program.

Shortly after the announcement of new orders, the MHSAA made the difficult decision to pause ALL sport practices and competitions until December 9 or until the MDHHS orders are updated. This pause includes all fall sports still competing, as well as all winter sports. In addition, Fenton Schools will pause all scheduled fall banquets that have yet to occur.

During this time of pause, our winter coaches will be able to still communicate with players virtually.

As a sports community we have been down this road before both last March when we lost many of Winter tournaments, as well as our entire Spring Season. Then we had a pause to the start of the Fall season where Football, Swim & Dive, Soccer, and Volleyball were left waiting to start their season until our state was in a safer place in terms of COVID-19.

Throughout the summer and fall;

1. our athletes have done their part and worked really hard to follow the guidelines throughout the summer, including wearing masks even when it was uncomfortable to do so while playing their sports.
2. many of our athletes have given up a lot of what they are used to by not attending large social gatherings in order to continue to play sports.

Throughout the fall, Fenton was fortunate that we did not have to cancel any programs or teams for COVID related issues on our teams, because the student athletes made sacrifices.

They did all these things and it absolutely helped. Now our kids need all of us more than ever. If we want this pause to only be three weeks, we need parents, friends, and families to do their part. You can do this by;

1. wearing a mask over your nose and mouth when out in public places.
2. avoiding large gatherings and unknowingly bringing home the COVID virus to loved ones.
3. if you are sick, then please quarantine from others and contact your physician for the next steps to take.

If we can collectively all do this we can get back to having our athletes' practice and compete, and maybe even be able to have parents and loved ones attend these events once again. Here are live links to copies of the [MHSAA announcement](#), the [MDHHS order](#) and MDHHS [InfoGraphic](#).

On behalf of our coaching staff and the entire Fenton Athletic Department, thank you for doing your part now, more than ever to help all of us return as quickly as possible to participating in school sports at all levels.

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