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Dear Ramapo School Community:

As noted in the New Jersey Department of Health COVID-19 public health recommendations for local health departments regarding K-12 schools, indoor sports bear a greater risk of transmission of SARS-CoV-2, and certain close contact sports (e.g. ice hockey, basketball, wrestling, group cheer, volleyball) carry higher relative risks.

Over the last ten days, eight of our nine Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases have directly involved sports practices and competitions, and the other case had a nexus to a COVID-19 positive individual on one of our athletic teams. Today, eighty-four students were placed on quarantine, or had modified quarantine dates because of a recent exposure. Twenty of those eighty-four students attend in-person instruction. Additionally, sixteen teachers and staff (including several coaches), one substitute teacher, and eight out of district coaches have been forced to quarantine due to these exposures.

The administration has painstakingly weighed the risks and benefits of continuing with indoor and/or in-person sports while the current community prevalence of COVID-19 is at "high" risk per the New Jersey Department of Health [COVID-19 Activity Level Index \(CALI\) Weekly Reports](#).

This letter is to inform you that, beginning tomorrow, March 9th, **Ramapo High School Athletics will implement a two week pause to all in-person athletics including the use of the weight room** in an attempt to decrease the opportunities for exposure transmissions of COVID-19 at school.

It is our hope that this two week pause will allow any current transmission chains to resolve themselves and provide us with the opportunity to restart in-person athletics and our weight room program without further disruption to the season.

Very kind regards,

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