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Pendleton High School Athletics Department update:

On Monday December 7, 2020, the OSAA pushed the high school sports seasons back to start on Feb. 22 with fall sports and football practice starting Feb. 8. Spring sports will follow, then winter sports will finish the year by June 27. This move gives us a more concrete plan moving forward for coaches, athletes, and our community.

We are confident moving forward that outdoor sports will be played this year. Currently football and all indoor sports are banned due to high COVID-19 rates in our county. As of right now, if our rates drop below 200/100,000 cases, we will be able to resume indoor practices and weight room workouts.

With the OSAA move of the seasons, Season 1 has been extended until Feb. 21. Currently, with indoor activities banned, the winter athletic programs that are choosing to train outside will be allowed to do so through the winter break and into the start of the new year. As we get into the new year, we will reset the last part of Season 1 so that our fall sports coaches can get back with their athletes to train leading up to their seasons. More information will come on that.

The academic eligibility standards under OSAA guidance have not changed under comprehensive distance learning. Students will still need to pass at least five courses during semester 1 to be eligible for athletics during semester 2. Do your best work in your classes to ensure that you are eligible to participate.

We are working hard to get competition up and running again. The updated OSAA season schedule is attached. Please be safe, maintain social distancing and wear your masks! If there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email me at <u>msomnis@pendletonsd.org</u> or call me at 541-966-3805.

Thank you,

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