## WILLOW SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Willow Parents and Student Athletes,

To plan for a safe school year and the possibility of sports returning, we would like to provide the community with a few updates and points of interest.

Sports are available to any student in grades 6-8. Indoor sports are volleyball, basketball, and cheerleading. Outdoor sports are softball, soccer, and cross country. Students in 5th grade can participate in cross country.

Any student who would like to play sports at Willow requires a sports physical before the start of their season. Students must be current on all vaccines and immunizations. This is not a new procedure.

We are encouraging students to get a full round of vaccinations for this year, including the COVID19 vaccinations, to provide safety in both school and in sports.

There will be a few protocols that must be followed by our students, staff, and spectators. According to current CDC guidelines, any student participating in outdoor sports, vaccinated or not, are not required to wear masks but should maintain safe distancing (when possible). Students playing indoor sports are required to remain masked unless they are fully vaccinated. As we are a K-8 school building, indoor sporting events hosted by Willow will require all spectators and staff to be masked (regardless of COVID19 vaccination status).

We look forward to the possibility of sports returning to Willow for the 2021-2022 school year. As soon as more guidance is available, we will update the community as soon as possible. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ms. Alexandra Oreluk + Mr. Jason Noble Principal Athletic Director

