To: Big Sky Parents and Fans From: Big Sky Conference Schools

As the challenges from COVID-19 continue to strengthen their grip on activities nationwide, the schools of the Big Sky ask for your help in making Big Sky activities a sustainable program option for our student athletes!

We fully understand that people have many different opinions about COVID-19. We aren't debating the legitimacy of the pandemic. We simply are following the guidance that is required of us by our government leaders.

The schools of the Big Sky Conference are focused on the following:

- 1. Keeping activities available to our student athletes. We believe strongly that our student athletes need to continue playing! Games are being postponed and canceled throughout our nation at every level, we don't want that to be our reality.
- 2. Continuing to allow fans to enjoy all Big Sky activities.
- 3. If we don't keep COVID out of our schools and activities, our student athletes will not be able to participate in the activities that we all love.
- 4. The need to follow guidance from our state health authorities is very important, which include:
 - a. All non-participants must wear a mask while attending Big Sky athletic events.
 - b. If people choose not to wear their masks, they will be asked to leave the gym.
- 5. If masking continues to be a problem, fans may not be allowed to attend activities in person.
- 6. Providing positive healthy experiences for the student athletes of the Big Sky Conference is our main goal.

We request that wherever you stand on the masking requirements that you will support our student athletes by wearing a mask while attending Big Sky activities. Our student athletes deserve every opportunity to participate; let's work together to give our students every chance to have a great season!

Thank you for your help!

The Schools of the Big Sky Conference