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Birmingham City Schools Ends Sub-Varsity Basketball as COVID Cases Increase

Birmingham -- Effective immediately, Birmingham City Schools is ending all sub-varsity level competitive basketball, including middle school, 9th grade and junior varsity, to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus in the community.

“The number of COVID-19 cases is rising, and we have a large number of students participating in middle school basketball,” said Birmingham City Schools Superintendent Dr. Mark Sullivan. “While we realize the role athletic participation plays in the development of our scholars, at this time, we must make adjustments in our winter sports programs to focus more on health and safety.”

Student-athletes in 7th- and 8th-grades may be allowed to play on high school level teams within their feeder patterns.

This change means more coaches will be available to support efforts to sanitize surfaces and ensure that our student-athletes playing high school basketball adhere to protocol to prevent the spread of the disease.

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