



November 10, 2021

Dear Parents,

We are reaching out to you regarding a new mandate that has been put into effect for all indoor sports which includes Basketball, Volleyball, Wrestling and Cheer. The Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) has deemed wearing masks while playing basketball, volleyball, wrestling, and cheer to have the potential to pose a choking hazard. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has waived these sports from mask use for students during play in Orange County. Students involved in these sports will undergo weekly COVID-19 surveillance testing using an FDA authorized PCR or antigen test. We will begin this weekly testing on campus November 15<sup>th</sup> for all these sports while in season. (To be clear, some counties, such as Los Angeles County, have not adopted this position. Games played in Los Angeles County or games played in Orange County that include Los Angeles County teams would require both teams to wear masks during play.)

Students with documentation of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are exempt from the requirement for weekly surveillance testing. Proof of vaccination must be sent to our Director of Athletic Training, Kasey Kavanagh at [kkavanagh@jserra.org](mailto:kkavanagh@jserra.org), prior to November 15<sup>th</sup>. Student-athletes will be required to complete their weekly testing if proof of vaccination is not submitted.

Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Go Lions!

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