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Greene County Public Health Department (GCPHD) in conjunction with Greene County Administrator, Shaun Groden, have released the following **updated** statement regarding the Governor's office announcement on January 22, 2021 that pertained to higher risk sports and recreation activities in schools and leagues effective February 1, 2021:

Due to the specific requirements in the NY Forward Guidance already in place, and the Reopening NY Sports and Rec Guidance in place for all sports, along with the additional requirements stated on Jan. 22, 2021, and with the daily County positivity rate declining:

GCPHD at this time is **not** mandating weekly rapid antigen testing for athletes participating in high risk sports since the 7 day rolling average is below 4%. This update will remain as long as the school's continue to complete and log a daily list of each sport's practice participants; as well as adhere to all State guidelines (see links below); and each school's Board of Education has given approval. If a school proactively decides to continue weekly rapid antigen testing for added surveillance and safety, then that decision is solely up to the school's Board Of Education.

If any school has to go to a remote schedule due to epidemiological concerns or positivity rate within the school, then practices will cease during that period as well as any Section 2 interscholastic play.

GCPHD is in contact with all Superintendents on a weekly basis and will discuss updates as well as any NEW NYSDOH and Governor's office releases. Links are provided below for more information.

<https://forward.ny.gov/>

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/SportsAndRecreationMasterGuidance.pdf>