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Faculty, Staff, Parents, and Community Members,

On Friday, January 15, 2021, the office of the Governor and the Illinois Department of Public Health issued guidelines for the return of school sports. These guidelines can be found at [All Sports Guidance](#). On Wednesday, January 27, 2021, the Illinois High School Association developed their sports schedule for the resumption of athletics for the remainder of this school year. This schedule can be found at [IHSA Sports Schedule](#).

After careful consideration and taking into account all factors and guidelines issued, Crab Orchard CUSD #3 will follow the guidelines listed below for all INDOOR athletic events.

- No fans will be allowed at any athletic contest due to the 30 foot rule from the IDPH.
- No cheerleaders at any athletic contest due to constraints placed on them by IHSA.

We here at Crab Orchard understand the frustration and hardship this places on parents, community members, and most of all, the students and athletes. However, we remind all parties involved that for any athletic events to occur, we must follow the guidelines issued by the IDPH and the IHSA so that those who are participating may continue to participate.

In an effort to mitigate some of these constraints, Crab Orchard CUSD #3 has purchased a camera system whereby athletic contests in our gym may be streamed live from home. To watch an event, please go to <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com> and search for Crab Orchard in the search box.

It is our hope that sports and most importantly, life, will return to some sense of normalcy for the next and future school years.

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