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TO: MHSА SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

FROM: MARK BECKMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: MHSА SPRING ACTIVITIES STATUS – ADDITIONAL CLARIFICATIONS

As you are aware from my previous email yesterday, the MHSА Executive Board, indefinitely suspended all MHSА spring activities until further notice. This includes practices and contests/meets/festivals. The Executive Board will reevaluate this situation on April 13th and any additional information regarding spring activities will be provided as it becomes available.

Implementing this suspension is taken in part with consultation with public health officials to:

- Implement best practices in slowing the spread of COVID 19 and therefore aid in protection of students and the general public.
- Reduce competitive inequity among member schools.
- Have the opportunity to hold our spring state tournaments/events on the assigned dates/sites.

During the suspension, MHSА member schools are not to compete in games or contests. Member schools are not to conduct practices in MHSА sanctioned sports or activities at any location. Member schools' coaches or student athletes are not to hold meetings or schools are not to allow students or coaches to use the school's athletic facilities for a practices, games or contests in any MHSА sanctioned sport. Open gyms are also suspended during this period.

The MHSA office as well as the Executive Board, will continue to monitor the rapidly changing landscape of the COVID-19 information and will work with our member schools and health officials to make informed and well thought out decisions.

Additional information will be sent to schools and/or districts as it becomes available.

Mark Beckman

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR