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With the possible resumption of other sports this fall I felt it was necessary to review facts, as we know them now:

- Last Tuesday, the CHSAA Board of Directors voted down the idea of resuming some fall sports given the variances (12 per team) the governor's office had agreed to back in August.
- Shortly thereafter, the governor announced that he was willing to reconsider previous variances submitted by CHSAA earlier in the summer if CHSAA chose to revisit those.
- This past Friday, the CHSAA Commissioner met with the governor and discussed those variances.
- Officials have agreed to expedite that process
- Per CHSAA Commissioner's update last evening, "The directive by the (CHSAA) Board is to obtain individual school opinion per an all-school survey and obtain specific sport and variance approvals in writing from the Governor's COVID Response Team."
- Surveys were due by 10:00am this morning (Monday).
- Jeffco responded to the survey as a district, and not as individual schools.
- In the survey, my response was to consider all other fall sports deemed safe to play by the Colorado Department of Public Health and, the Jefferson County Department of Public Health. As a district, we did not want this to be just about football.
- Current information in front of the Governor's task force is for Football, Field Hockey, and Spirit. According to the CHSAA Commissioner, and per the Governor's direction, "the Response team will incrementally determine the resumption of additional fall sports." However, deadlines of when these sports can no longer be conducted in the fall to meet expectations for a culminating event may result in additional sports remaining in Season C.
- The CHSAA board will then take the information from the school surveys and the response from the Governor's team, when they receive it, and discuss the findings. At that point, another vote by the board of directors will take place and further information will then come to schools from CHSAA.
- If football is allowed to resume, then schools will immediately be sent an email from CHSAA Assistant Commissioner, Adam Bright, asking for a declaration as to whether they choose to play in Season A, or Season C. Our district has determined we will play in Season A so as to not pass up the opportunity in the event unforeseen issues prevent play during Season C.
- Further information will follow as it becomes available.

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