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Dear Dr. Watson,

We have read with interest the information regarding your research study titled:

"COVID-19 in High School Sports."

As you are well aware, high school sport participation has tremendous health benefits for student athletes. However, we understand that sport participation must be balanced against the risks of spreading COVID-19. Research suggests that adolescents generally experience milder cases of COVID-19 than adults, but there is concern that adolescents could contribute to the spread of the virus among themselves and to otherwise individuals.

We recognize that there is a continuous need to study whether Wisconsin high school sport programs, with risk reduction procedures in place, increase the risk of students contracting COVID-19 and transmitting it to others. The information collected from this study can better define these risks and aid local decision-making efforts regarding the continuation of high school sports in the months and years ahead.

We fully support this valuable research and urge all Wisconsin high schools to participate in this study as well.

Sincerely,

Dave Anderson
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