

Good Evening,

It was brought to our attention that a recent football game between Palm Beach Gardens and Vero Beach High Schools was canceled, “out of an abundance of caution,” due to an “outbreak of COVID-19.” An article from the Palm Beach Post states: “The Palm Beach Gardens football team won't be making the trip to Vero Beach on Friday due to more than 30 players testing positive for COVID-19.”

Florida State Statute 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights section reads as follows: Face covering mandates and quarantine mandates in response to COVID-19. 1. A district school board, a district school superintendent, an elected or appointed local official, or any district school board employee may not: b. Prohibit a student from attending school or school-sponsored activities, prohibit a student from being on school property, or subject a student to restrictions or disparate treatment, based on an exposure to COVID-19, so long as the student remains asymptomatic and has not received a positive test for COVID-19 as defined in s. 381.00319(1).

As a concerned parent, I would like the following questions addressed.

Regarding testing: - Did Palm Beach Gardens football/athletic staff provide students with tests? - Were parents asked to test their asymptomatic children? - If students did not test, were they allowed to practice? - Were students told to inform Palm Beach Gardens HS football coaches/athletic staff, results of tests? - Were students presenting with a specific set of symptoms, resulting in a suggestion to test for COVID-19? - Were staff members with a medical background, involved in the decision-making process?

Regarding Palm Beach Gardens High School procedures: - Are the students testing positive currently attending school? - If 30+ students are testing positive for COVID-19 and practice/games are canceled, is the school administration team considering options for school classrooms/school events? - Did Palm Beach Gardens High School seek advice/guidance from the Palm Beach County School District board members or leadership team?

Regarding Palm Beach Gardens High School Football Team: - How many players are on the current roster? - Have additional players tested positive? - In previous years, when multiple student-athletes were sick with colds/flu/sinus infections/stomach bug, how was the situation handled? - Is it possible the real reason behind canceling practice and a game was out of an abundance of caution to prevent a loss on the schedule?

Please address each question.

Thank you for your time,