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CIF cancels fall championships; Spring sports remain — for now

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It was an announcement set to take place at any moment. CIF-Southern Section Commissioner Rob Wigod canceled the 2020-21 fall sports championship season on Tuesday morning, Jan. 19, bringing an official conclusion to a handful of championship-seeking sports normally contested during the fall months.

The coronavirus pandemic has shut the door on any possible playoffs for football, girls indoor volleyball, plus boys and girls water polo.

Spring sports, meanwhile, remain in place, at least for the time being.

Wigod released the highly anticipated update on fall sports early Tuesday morning, saying, "There has not been enough progress made from the purple tier toward the orange tier for football, girls volleyball and boys/girls water polo to even begin competition this season."

There was not sufficient time, said Wigod, "for those sports to conduct viable league play, which is necessary for us

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PHOTO COURTESY OF PETER KAMON

Highland's Jackie Barrett, 10, takes on a pair of Mission Viejo blockers — Abby Newell, 16, and Sam Lister, 12 — in CIF Division 3 playoff won by Citrus Valley in a 3-game sweep on Oct. 31, 2019.

County report

COVID vaccine eligibility open to residents age 65 and over

Residents and staff of Highland's Brightwater Senior Living scheduled to receive vaccine on Friday, Jan. 22.

The Board of Supervisors announced Thursday, Jan. 14, that all San Bernardino County residents ages 65 and over are now eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

"We know that our seniors are the most vulnerable to serious illness and death if they contract COVID-19 and we want to get them vaccinated as quickly as possible," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Curt Hagman. "We ask the community for patience as we continue to receive doses from the state of California to serve our senior population and as we continue to vaccinate health care workers."

Vaccine supplies from the state are limited, so appointments are scarce. County residents 65 and over can make appointments through sbccovid19.com/vaccine. Seniors can also sign up for email and text notifications to receive alerts about vaccination opportunities and other vaccination news through the "65+ Vaccine Notification Sign Up" link at sbccovid19.com/vaccine.

Those who need assistance with appointments or signing up for notifications can call the COVID-19 hotline from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at (909) 387-3911.

Also coming soon to accommodate all vaccination tiers, especially those individuals 65 and older, are a variety of new options for county residents to receive the vaccine to compliment the sites already in place. These include mobile vaccination units to serve residents with travel challenges, including seniors and residents in the most remote areas of the 20,000-square-mile county, community-based vaccination sites similar to the many county testing sites, through partnerships with local clinics and healthcare providers. In addition, a super-site for vaccinations will be announced soon.

Vaccinations for county residents 65 and over are available within Phase 1A of the Vaccination Roadmap, which includes all front-line health care workers. Appointments are available with equal

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Memorial bench for Highland's first mayor completed

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On Wednesday, Jan. 13, the city of Highland completed the installation of its memorial for Dennis Johnson, city founder and first mayor who died at the age of 80 on July 6, 2020.

The memorial includes a monument plaque, an iron bench and a newly planted oak tree, creating a rest stop at the southwest corner of Church Street and Lemon Street, along the Streater Street Trail.

The monument recognizes Johnson's contributions toward Highland's campaign for incorporation, his service as the

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Brandon Coleman and Kevin Layne prepare to install the Dennis Johnson Memorial Bench on the southwest corner of Church Street and Lemon Street on Wednesday, Jan. 13

city's first mayor, his service on the city council and his long-time involvement and volunteerism with the Highland Trails Committee. It also recognizes his being honored as Highland's 2019 Citizen of the Year.

The monument states:

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