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Dear MHRD Community,

We hope this letter finds you all well and anticipating a great school year and athletic season. We are extremely fortunate to be in a position to run a fall athletic season. This is entirely the result of a healthy summer conditioning program, coaches who maintained strict safety standards, and student-athletes who followed our district protocols faithfully. Thank you all for your assistance and hard work with this process.

We are excited to officially kick off the 2020 fall season. With competition with opposing schools beginning on September 28, 2020, please feel free to visit our current game schedule at the “Athletics” page of each school's website. Please understand that schedules are fluid, and your daughter/son’s coach will provide specific information as the season progresses.

As a reminder, all students must complete this [self-screening](#) every day before arriving on campus, including weekends.

It is expected that student-athletes wear a mask when checking into each practice/game and at the end of practice/game, provide their own water/hydration drink, bring hand sanitizer for themselves, and maintain social distancing prior to and after the practice/game.

For Home Games (Non- Football): Tickets will not be required for these events. As per Governor Murphy’s Executive Order, all athletic facilities will be limited to 500 spectators. This capacity will be adjusted if this Executive Order is modified. Spectators must adhere to social distancing and wear masks at all times. All spectators must submit this [Athletic Event Seat Reservation Form](#) prior to arriving at each game. This information is critical for compliance with conference contact tracing mandates and crowd limitations.

For Home Varsity Football Games: The district will provide each Varsity football player, band member, and Varsity cheer team member the opportunity to purchase three (3) tickets through an electronic ticketing platform. The school will provide a link for ticket ordering to only the participants’ families prior to each game. This link for ticket purchase is also critical so that we may trace contacts should an infection occur at the week of each game. We understand that this means few students may be attending the games for now. It is imperative that we maintain a safe environment and adhere to social distancing. Games will also be live-streamed on our NFHS Network platform.

The concession stand will not be open for any games; no outside food or drink is permitted. Large bags and backpacks are also not allowed.

Spectators must sit in the bleachers in designated sections, adhering to social distancing guidelines. The bleachers will be marked off to appropriately space spectators; again, please adhere to the markings and sit in the designated spots.

For Away Games (Non- Football): As per NJAC regulations, students will not be permitted to attend away contests. Attendance will be limited to family members only. As per Governor Murphy's Executive Order, all athletic facilities will be limited to 500 spectators. This capacity will be adjusted if this Executive Order is modified. Spectators must adhere to social distancing and wear masks at all times. All spectators must submit this [Athletic Event Seat Reservation Form](#) prior to arriving at each game. This information is critical for compliance with conference contact tracing mandates and crowd limitations.

For Away Varsity Football Games: There will be a designated number of tickets available for advance purchase by family members of Varsity football players and Varsity cheerleaders. The home school will determine ticket allotment and purchasing procedures. Morris Hills and Morris Knolls High School Athletic Departments will communicate with parents the week of each game. Conference protocols prohibit marching bands from traveling to away games.

Thank you for all of the support you provide our community and programs. Students benefit from athletic and extracurricular activities and this fall season will be a great opportunity for our school community to cheer our students. We also have students who may be scouted for college scholarships, making it extra important to keep our school district healthy. Please remember the importance of maintaining social distancing - both at school events and in the community - and of restricting our child's exposure to large groups. As we have said before, all our school guidelines will be for nothing if students let down their guard on weekends and after school.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's coach, Athletic Director, or Principal with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

The MHRD Administrative Team