



## **Announcement regarding modifications to current Phase 1 Guidelines for fall athletics**

In an effort to align with the current Ohio Department of Health Orders (8/3/2020) related to athletics, the district has modified the Phase 1 Guidelines for fall athletics as follows:

- Fall non-contact sports, girls volleyball, cross country, golf, and tennis, are permitted to participate in intrasquad and intersquad scrimmages and competitions.
  - Guidelines for practice still reflect the need for working in small groups, social distancing, and masks/facial coverings. Coaches and athletic directors will provide information related to any changes in these parts of the guidelines.
- Fall contact sports, football and soccer, are permitted to participate in intrasquad scrimmages but are not permitted, per the order, to participate in intersquad scrimmages or competition at this time as detailed in the order.
  - The revised Phase 1 guidelines provide additional information related to health and safety standards. These guidelines will be shared by coaches and athletic directors.

### **A general reminder to coaches, athletes, and families**

In an effort to prevent transmission of the virus, athletes and parents/guardians will be reminded by coaches and/or the school Athletic Director that failing to wear a mask and maintain social distancing standards while away from the team (for example, attending large gatherings, participating in workouts offsite that are not supervised by a coach, etc.) can result in transmission of the virus. Personal decisions made about participating in non school-sponsored events and activities can impact the team and its ability to continue operations. We encourage people to be mindful of these habits at all times.

If there are future changes to the order related to athletics, the district will consider additional modifications to the current guidelines.