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Dear Parents of Fall High School Athletes,

As you have probably already learned, Governor Whitmer issued two new Executive Orders yesterday (EO 2020-175 and EO 2020-176) which allow for organized sports to hold contests indoors and outside. MHSAA has now reinstated football, soccer can begin playing games, and volleyball and swim & dive can begin practicing indoors next week. As an MHSAA member, Troy School District move forward with all fall high school sports.

Our Athens HS and Troy HS teams will continue to follow MHSAA and CDC guidelines for safety and check-in procedures. This will include masks worn at all times and symptom checks prior to every practice and contest. The same will be done for the opposing team at every game.

A few reminders for parents and athletes this fall:

- Masks are required during meetings, entering/exiting (we are awaiting clarification from MHSAA on mask-wearing during contests)
- Equipment should be shared as little as possible and must be cleaned between uses by different pods/groups of athletes
- Athletes should wear their own clothing, includes uniforms, pinnies, gloves, etc.
- Athletes should bring their own hand sanitizer and water bottle (with name on it and filled); these should not be shared with others
- No handshakes, fist bumps, high fives, or contact celebrations
- No visitors or spectators are allowed at practices
- Locker rooms will remain closed to teams during practices and games

Spectators will be allowed in a limited capacity for contests:

- Per EO 2020-176, each athlete can invite two guests as spectators for each contest (again, no spectators allowed during practices).
- These spectators should be limited to parents as much as possible.
- Names of the two guests will need to be provided to the coach prior to each game and spectators will be required to check in at the gate.
- **Parents are required to wear masks and remain six feet apart from others at all times during contests.** Thank you for following these guidelines and helping us to maintain the ability to allow spectators.

- Parents will only be allowed to stay for their child's contest. (Example: All JV game spectators will be required to leave the stadium immediately following the JV game—these spectators will not be allowed to stay for the varsity game).
- Now that parents are allowed to attend games, we will provide one-way bussing to away contests (except in special circumstances).

COVID-19 is still around and we must all remain vigilant with our efforts to operate safely during these times. We ask that you continue to monitor your own child(ren) for any potential COVID symptoms and appreciate the partnership with our families in helping us to establish a safe environment for all of our teams. If, at any time, you are concerned about your child or any member of your family, you can contact the OCHD Nurse on Call at (800) 848-5533 or email noc@oakgov.com.

All sports information and COVID-related communications can be found on the new athletic websites:

- <https://redhawkathletics.org> or
- <https://troyathletics.org>

Finally, soccer, football, sideline cheer, swim & dive, and volleyball (after tryouts) players should now pay the Pay to Participate fee in [FinalForms](#).

More sport-and team-specific information will be shared by your child's coach in the coming days. Have a fantastic Labor Day Weekend!

Sincerely,



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