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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** *Special Events - Spring Athletic Season*

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The Hempfield Area School District has released information regarding special events related to the spring athletic season. While the District recognizes that many restrictions and gathering limitations have been reduced or lifted, many precautions and guidelines continue to remain in place. As a result of such changes, the following information will be in place for the spring season:

**General:** For those family members permitted to attend an event, please be aware that all spectators will be required to follow all CDC guidelines, including following the mask order and adhering to social distancing guidelines at all times.

**Senior Recognition Events:** All senior recognitions must be approved by the athletic office prior to the day of the event. As part of the approval, an itinerary of events should be included. Please keep in mind that spring senior recognitions should be formatted as such: the recognition will take place during the event; no food is permitted during or after the event; no gatherings after the event are permitted. Lastly, all current spectator guidelines must be adhered to (these will be posted and updated on [www.hempfieldareaspantans.com](http://www.hempfieldareaspantans.com)).

**Team Banquets:** The District will permit programs to begin holding end-of-season banquets beginning on May 1, 2021. However, it is recommended that programs wait until after 2021 graduation events have concluded to hold a banquet in an effort to minimize the potential risk of exposure from impacting the end of the academic year and subsequent end-of-school year festivities.

All banquets must be approved by the athletic office prior to the day of the event. As part of the approval, an itinerary of events should be included. In addition, the approval should include the following: location of the event, anticipated number of attendees, and an outline of how all necessary CDC guidelines will be adhered to.

Banquet regulations apply to fall, winter, and spring athletic seasons for the 2020-2021 school year.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we continue to navigate through this difficult time.

GO SPARTANS!