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Dear Families of Mustang Athletes:

With the recent announcement from the MHSAA, we are now able to start the 2020 fall athletics season. In order to move forward, we are required to follow the guidance of the MHSAA. We will also continue to have regular communication with the Midland County Department of Public Health, who has offered tremendous support for our schools. In order to ensure that we are in compliance, we are sharing the following information that will assist both our families and our school staff in minimizing the risk to our athletes, staff and guests.

In compliance with MHSAA guidance, all spectators will be required to wear a mask at all times for both indoor and outdoor athletic events. Those with a medical exemption will need to show that at the gate and will be required to wear a face shield, which they must provide. Guests who fail to comply once they enter the gate will be asked to leave. In addition, those who are not from the same household are expected to socially distance while at the games. Unfortunately, some schools have already made the difficult decision to not allow spectators based on the disregard for rules by spectators. This is certainly one of the last things we want to do, so we need everyone's cooperation to ensure that this does not occur. We will make reminder announcements throughout the events to assist in that effort.

The MHSAA also requires athletes who are not able to socially distance to wear a mask. Currently, those participating in cheer, football and volleyball for Meridian are required to wear a mask.

The MHSAA guidance allows each athlete to have up to two guests enter the gate. As a result, only those with a Jack Pine pass will be permitted entrance to events and those must be purchased in advance through the main office at the high school. Those passes are good for both home and away events. The passes are specific for each sport and each level and once purchased, are good for that entire sport season. For example, a junior varsity football player is permitted to purchase two passes for junior varsity football contests and a varsity athlete would be permitted to purchase two passes for all varsity contests.

For football games, in order to ensure that we are following both the MHSAA guidance and the Executive Order on social gatherings, only those with a correct game pass will be allowed to enter campus from M-30, via the high school entrance. All other entrances will be barricaded. All games will be broadcast live at <https://www.facebook.com/MeridianMustangsFootball/>

Thanks for your understanding during these trying times and for your support of our student-athletes who have worked very hard to get to this point. **[Go Mustangs!](#)**

Regards,

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Superintendent