

# CONTINENTAL HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Students:

On August 19, the Ohio Department of Health in conjunction with the Ohio High School Athletic Association released its mandates and guidelines for Ohio school districts regarding competitive fall sports. After clarifying remarks made by the Governor on 8/25/20 and in consultation with the Putnam County Health Department, we found it necessary to revise our athletic plan in order to remain in compliance with the intent of the Director's Order that was issued on August 19th. **All information that has changed is highlighted in yellow in this document.** The released document addresses mandatory and recommended protocols and procedures for safely holding competitive athletic events in the fall in the following areas:

- Players, Coaches, Athletic Trainers, and Officials
- Spectators
- Practices/Games/Tournaments
- Equipment
- Facilities/Venues
- Team Travel
- Suspected and Confirmed Cases

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** The Governor's Office, the ODH, and the OHSAA have made it very clear that failure to follow the protocols set forth in the Director's order may result in forfeiture of games, removal from postseason tournaments, and suspension of the athletic season. **We are asking for everyone's help to make sure that our student-athletes have the opportunity to compete, so please follow the guidelines carefully and do your part to support our Pirate athletic teams!!**

## **Players, Coaches, Athletic Trainers, and Officials OHSAA/ODH/Continental - Mandatory Protocols**

- Players, coaches, officials, athletic trainers, and officials must conduct daily symptom assessments before each practice or game. Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- No congregating before or after practices or games by players, coaches, athletic trainers or officials is permitted.
- Coaches, volunteers, athletic trainers, and officials must wear face coverings at all times, and players must wear face coverings when not on the field or court of play, except for one of the reasons stated in the Director's Order For Facial Coverings throughout the State of Ohio signed July 23, 2020.

## **Spectators OHSAA/ODH/Continental - Mandatory Protocols**

- Spectators must conduct daily symptom assessments.
- Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Family members must sit together, socially distanced from other individuals/family groups.
- **Six-foot social distancing must be maintained** between individuals/family groups
- No congregating before or after practices or games is permitted.
- **Spectators must wear face coverings at all times** except for any of the allowable exceptions stated in the Director's Order for Facial Coverings for the State of Ohio.

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### **Practices/Games/Tournaments OHSAA/ODH/Continental - Mandatory Protocols**

- Six-foot social distance must be maintained between individuals except when necessary on the field or court of play.
- No congregating before or after practices or games is permitted.
- Football, soccer, field hockey, hockey, wrestling, lacrosse, basketball, and volleyball are limited to one team vs. team game/match a day, but multiple games/matches may be played between the same teams in one day.

### **Equipment OHSAA/ODH/Continental - Mandatory Protocols**

- Equipment and personal items must have proper separation and must not be shared.
- If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation must be performed between users
- Do not share any of the following:
  - Towels or facial coverings
  - Water bottles or other drinks
  - Food

### **Team Travel OHSAA/ODH/Continental - Mandatory Protocols**

- Individuals traveling together by bus, etc., must wear a face covering and social distance where possible while in the vehicle.
- Conduct a pre-travel symptom and temperature check immediately prior to departure.

### **Suspected and Confirmed Cases OHSAA/ODH/Continental - Mandatory Protocols**

- Immediately isolate, and seek medical care for, any individual who becomes ill or develops symptoms.
- Coaches/administrators must work with the local health department to identify individuals who were potentially exposed to help facilitate contact tracing. This includes, but is not limited to, athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents and other support personnel.
- A team, school, or club must notify all athletes and parents/guardians associated with the affected team regarding a positive test. Athletes and families must be reminded of proper daily health screening protocols.

### **Continental Attendance/Ticket Policy**

#### **Home Games at Continental High School**

Each Continental student-athlete will receive **four (4)** ticket vouchers per home game. **These vouchers are intended to be given to close family members and loved ones of players, coaches, team staff members, and other event participants (band, honor guard, cheerleaders, etc).**

- Ticket vouchers must be turned in at the ticket booth in order to purchase a ticket.
- Due to so many unknowns, the Athletic Department is not selling sports passes this year
- Adult and Student ticket/admission prices
  - JV/Varsity: \$6 adult; \$4 student
  - JH: \$4 adult; \$3 student
- Families are asked to sit in pods and socially distance from other families
  - Gym seating: Bleacher seating will be staggered and spaced out to promote social distancing. Families are asked to sit together and there should be at least 6 feet between family groups.
  - Soccer seating: Seating in the bleachers will be limited and spaced out due to social distancing requirements. Family groups should allow at least 6' of space between another family group. Spectators will be permitted to bring and sit in folding chairs along the track as long as social distancing boundaries are

respected. **SPECTATORS SITTING ON THE TRACK MUST SET THEIR FOLDING CHAIRS ON THE X's, SIT AS A FAMILY GROUP, AND MAINTAIN 6 FEET OF DISTANCE BETWEEN ALL OTHER FAMILY GROUPS.**

- Spectators are asked not to stand/congregate around the fence/soccer stadium on school grounds unless they have a voucher/ticket because the district is required to account for the number of spectators at the event on school grounds
- Game Workers-Volunteers and employees that are working a contest do not need vouchers to enter as they are already figured into the total number of spectators we are permitted to have on site.
  - Ticket takers
  - Line Judges
  - Scorebooks/Scoreboard Operators
  - Videographers/School Photographers
  - Ball boys/girls/managers
  - Concession Workers
  - School Administrators/Board of Education
  - Media-Limited availability and must be pre-scheduled with the Athletic Director
- The district is assessing live streaming capabilities and will make this option known to the public if it becomes available.

#### **Away Games at Visiting Site/Another School**

We will follow the host school's policies and procedures for the number of tickets, distancing guidelines, etc. from the home site. Please note, these policies and procedures may be different from our policies and procedures. All information regarding tickets/procedures to away contests will be communicated through by the coach of each team to the student-athletes as soon as we receive the information.

#### **Visiting Teams Playing at CHS**

- **Opponents will be given four (4) ticket vouchers per student-athlete/coach (up 100 total ticket vouchers) for family members and loved ones per contest.** Ticket vouchers must be turned in at the ticket booth in order to purchase a ticket.
- PCL and NWDAB passes will be honored, but each individual that is entering on a pass must have a voucher for that game.
- Visiting school Administration will be granted access to sporting events hosted at CHS in order to support their student-athletes and help with crowd management.

This will be a season unlike any we have experienced, so we must work together to make sure that our athletes have a chance to compete! We will constantly be monitoring any updates from the Governor's office to ensure we give our athletes the best experience possible and adjusting this plan as necessary. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you in advance for your understanding!

Go Pirates!

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