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Parents & Guardians of Northern Lehigh Football Players, Cheering and Band Members,

On Monday, September 14, 2020, the Northern Lehigh School District authorized Northern Lehigh nuclear families would be able to attend Northern Lehigh home varsity football games once governing authorities lifted the 250 persons limit. Visiting fans are not permitted as spectators for Northern Lehigh varsity football games.

Northern Lehigh is imploring families to read this letter carefully and follow the procedures in this letter to allow our students to participate in extracurricular activities. Northern Lehigh has been vigilant in maintaining medical protocols and has successfully started the fall school year, including sports, without any type of shutdown.

Northern Lehigh Varsity Football Ticket/Pass Procedure

Northern Lehigh is using demographic data from our Student Information Software (SIS) System to distribute ticket/passes to varsity football players, varsity cheerleaders and marching band members of the nuclear family. Northern Lehigh will give out two passes for each varsity football player, varsity cheerleader and marching band member and add sibling passes that are listed in our SIS that are not currently a member of the varsity football team, varsity cheerleading team or marching band. Multiple participants from the same nuclear family will not increase the number of passes. In summary, if our SIS lists a household of six (6) as the nuclear family and three (3) are members participating in some fashion at a varsity football game (football, band, cheer), three (3) passes will be distributed to this family. Senior participants have already received their passes and will receive additional passes only if their nuclear family warrants additional passes. These passes will be distributed to players/members of each team. Persons in possession of these passes will be the only persons permitted into the stadium for a varsity football game. Please save these passes for all three of our home games and any possible home Northern Lehigh playoff game. **Spectators will not be permitted into the stadium without their pass. There are no exceptions.** The process for distributing these passes will be announced electronically through the PlanetHS account, nlsdathletics.org website and the Northern Lehigh Athletics Twitter account.

Parents of seniors, juniors and sophomores should sit on the home side in nuclear families physically distancing themselves from other nuclear family units. Freshman families should sit on the away bleachers. **No one is permitted to stand at the field perimeter fence during the game.** Visual markers have been placed on both sets of bleachers to aid in social distancing.

Colonial League Spectator Procedures

Sport	Recommended Attendees	Requirements
Varsity Football	No Visiting Spectators. Home spectators only as per home school guidance as allowable by state capacity order	Masks & Social Distancing Required. Game may be suspended without fan compliance
MS/JV Football	Parents & Siblings of Participants Only (Home & Away). Home school guidance may take precedence.	Masks & Social Distancing Required. Game may be suspended without fan compliance
Field Hockey (MS & HS)	Parents & Siblings of Participants Only (Home & Away)	Masks & Social Distancing Required. Game may be suspended without fan compliance
Soccer	Parents & Siblings of Participants Only (Home & Away)	Masks & Social Distancing Required. Game may be suspended without fan compliance
Cross Country	Parents & Siblings of Participants Only (Home & Away). Required to remain in designated spectator areas. May not view race from starting line or finish line	Masks & Social Distancing Required

Spectator Expectations

- **All spectators will be required to wear a mask at all times** unless the individual falls under an exception listed in [Section 3 of Universal Face Covering Order](#).
 - Individuals who cannot wear a mask due to a medical condition, including those with respiratory issues that impede breathing, mental health condition, or disability.
 - Individuals who are unable to remove a mask without assistance.
 - Individuals two (2) years of age and under.
 - Individuals who are communicating or seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing impaired or has another disability, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communications.
- Household family members may sit in clusters closer than the social distancing standard of 6 feet.
- For “non-stadium” events, spectators/parents are encouraged to bring lawn chairs as bleacher seating may not allow for proper social distancing.
 - Schools may consider marking the grounds with spectator areas spaced out appropriately.
- Spectators must not enter the field of play or bench areas and must exit the facility immediately following the conclusion of the contest and enter their vehicles.
 - Meeting the teams as they come off the field will not be permitted.
- **Spectators are not permitted to congregate near the stadium, stadium parking area, javelin/discus area and any campus grounds near the stadium complex prior, during and after varsity football contests. Only valid entry passes will allow parents to enter the stadium.**

Northern Lehigh will continue to monitor Pennsylvania and PIAA guidance. As guidance changes, Northern Lehigh will remain in compliance. Further information regarding this will be presented at the time of any change in the orders or guidance. We require everyone's full cooperation to keep our students in our schools and on the athletic fields. We have been successful so far and are grateful for everyone's support and cooperation!

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan Geist". The signature is stylized with a large initial "B" and a cursive "Geist".

Bryan Geist, CAA
Athletic Director