Dear School Administrators:

Summit County Public Health, at the request of many school districts, would like to provide guidance and considerations regarding the next phase of school competitive sports. SCPH has reviewed the OHSAA guidance and believes that it provides practical recommendations to keep students, coaches, officials and spectators safe. However, COVID-19 contact sports make it very difficult to maintain six feet of social distance or wear masks, the two most effective strategies to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Furthermore, Summit County is currently a Level 2/Orange which recommends limiting exposure and exercising a high degree of caution. Level 2 also advises that there be a decrease in in-person interactions outside of the household.

Summit County Public Health encourages schools to consider the following recommendations to the start of fall sports:

- Delaying the start of competitive play for moderate and high-risk sports (see below) to October 1. Moderate and high-risk sports may still continue practices and inter-team scrimmages
- Limiting spectators to two (2) per athlete, or consider eliminating spectators all together;

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Summit County Public Health understands that sports are important factor in the development of children, these are uncertain times and we are asking you to consider making adjustments to the Fall sports season to protect the health of your students/coaches and their families. In Summit County, we have already seen situations where teams and coaches have been exposed and been required to quarantine. We appreciate your willingness to review our considerations. If you have any questions, please contact Tonia Burford, Environmental Health Director 330-812-3868 or at tburford@scph.org

Sincerely,

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