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Dear UM Students, Staff, Families, and Community,

As we move closer to the official start of the fall athletic and marching band season, we have created plans we wish to share with you that meet the most recent mandates and guidelines provided by the State on COVID-19. To hold district-related events in a safe and orderly manner, we will need the full cooperation of our parents, families, and the general public, or risk the possible cancellation of events and sanctioning of teams or the school district and its personnel. I do not doubt that we share the same common goal of providing safe venues for our student-athletes and musicians to participate in fall activities and competitions. Therefore, it is essential to understand that the district will rely upon you to comply with district and State mandates that are governing fall sports and music events.

In an effort to identify consistent procedures for athletic venues across school districts in Bucks and Montgomery Counties, we have established guidelines that will be implemented and monitored for spectator's participation during the 2020 fall sports season. The requirements outlined below will be in place for all events held in the Upper Moreland School District facilities during the fall season of 2020. Additionally, the expectations articulated below comply with the PIAA rules governing competitions and the Governor's most recent guidelines regarding COVID-19 and high school sports:

- Outdoor events are limited to 250 people. Except for football, other fall sports can occur without much interruption. Each team's athletic director will ensure that collectively the number of participants, coaches, referees, game officials, and spectators does not exceed the 250-person limit per event. This requirement applies to all events held within and outside of the gated fields/stadium;
- There will be **no away team spectators** allowed for any Suburban One League (SOL) competitions;
- Coaches and the athletic department will issue two tickets during the fall season to as many student-athletes as possible so each student's family may come to the UM campus to watch their child play. Spectators must present the ticket and keep it with them at all times to remain on the school campus;
- By the very nature of the number of participants (players, coaches, referees, band members, cheerleaders, and game officials), football will require limitations on spectators attending each event. To ensure that some of the home team families may watch their child participate, visiting spectators will NOT be permitted. It will be up to the home team to determine the protocol for allowing home spectators to attend the contests (including parents, staff, photographers, press/media, etc.);

- Everyone attending a fall sporting event, including coaches, officials, athletes on the sidelines, staff, and spectators (age two and older) **MUST BRING** a face-covering (masks or face shields) to the event. Upon entering and exiting athletic venues, and during the events, everyone **MUST WEAR** their face-covering;
- Attendance at each event is subject to appropriate behavior and adherence to our health and safety plans. Anyone who refuses to follow our guidelines will be asked to leave the premise;
- Sections of bleachers will be designated for home spectators;
- Concession stands will NOT be open during the fall season;
- The athletic department will provide further guidance on logistics. You may contact my office with questions at 215-830-1511 ext. 2003.

Thank you in advance for working with us to ensure that we provide a safe venue for our student-athletes and musicians to participate during the fall season. Your continued support is much appreciated. Go Bears!

Stay Safe,

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