



NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT
***Engaging, Enriching, and Empowering All Students
through a World-Class Education***

September 16, 2020

Dear New Hope-Solebury Community,

Our athletic programs have begun their practices under the Athletic Health and Safety Plan which was approved by the Board of School Directors in June. We are working with the Suburban One League to coordinate competitions to ensure the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff and entire school district community. Each school district has been directed to make their own determinations with regards to the best way in which athletics can be implemented in their respective district.

The original guidance received with regards to spectators was that they were not permitted to attend due to the concern for health and safety risks by increasing the number of individuals who would attend these events. Now, we are required to comply with the state mandates with regards to the size of groups which limits indoor events to 25 individuals and outdoor events to 250 individuals. We remain concerned about allowing unlimited visitors to these events because doing so allows for more opportunity to bring additional people to our events and the potential to compromise the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff and entire school district community.

At this time, we have made the decision to allow spectators at our outside school district events on a very limited basis in order to preserve the integrity of our health and safety plan. We will be unable to allow spectators at our inside events such as volleyball due to group size limitations. We will be providing each student athlete with two tickets per game which they will be able to share with their parents/guardians. Spectators will need to have their ticket visible throughout the sporting event. All spectators will also be required to comply with the guidelines outlined in our Health and Safety Plan which include; wearing a mask at all times throughout the game/event, social distancing in the stands or on the field, and staying home if they are present with any symptoms of COVID. For health and safety reasons we will also be unable to serve concessions at these events. We are counting on our community to comply with these expectations because failure to do so will result in us curtailing spectators at our events.

We recognize the value of our students having their families present at their games to cheer them on and support their involvement in our athletics program. It is imperative that our spectators only attend if they have a ticket from one of the student athletes. Individuals in attendance without tickets will be asked to leave the event.

We are also working on ways in which we can host our other extracurricular programs. Each principal is working with the sponsors of our club and activity programs in their schools to determine which programs could be supported this year. More information about these programs will be forthcoming as these decisions are determined.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Lentz, Ed.D.
