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To student-athletes, coaches, staff, officials, administrators, parents, and patrons:

As we navigate through these uncertain times during the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like you to know that the health and safety of all student-athletes, coaches, staff, officials, administrators, parents and patrons is our number one priority.

When you are in our facilities, we are asking you to adhere with the following **Fall-2** season guidelines:

1. Per NYS Department of Health guidance, masks or face coverings are required for all participants, coaches, workers, officials, patrons, or anyone entering a Pioneer Central Schools facility. Masks will be required to be worn, including in the athletic training rooms, practice fields and games fields.
2. Per NYS Department of Health guidance, facilities will be limited to TWO spectators per athlete for both the HOME and AWAY teams. We ask that you continue to follow all social distancing procedures maintaining six feet of physical distance between individuals.
3. Pioneer Central Schools believes sportsmanship is paramount to the development of our student athletes, at this time, there will be no hand shaking, high fives, hugging or fist bumps between opposing teams, both before and after games, this is to reduce contact as much as possible.
4. There will be no shared towels, clothing, shoes, or water bottles between participants, officials, and coaches.
5. Before, during and after the contest, players, coaches/game officials, team personnel and game administration officials should wash and sanitize their hands as often as possible.
6. Please arrive at game no more than **1 hour** early.
7. Locker rooms will not be available for use, we recommend that teams and officials come dressed and ready to participate in the event.
8. Only necessary personnel will be allowed in the press box, on the sidelines and at the scorer's tables.
9. When traveling to and from away events, all Pioneer coaches and student-athletes will be required to wear face coverings and social distance.
10. Stadium bathrooms will be open, and we will have porta-potties available.
11. A water bottle filling station is available in the stadium.
12. No concessions will be available.
13. Spectators, please do not arrive more than 15 minutes before the beginning of your contest.
14. Visiting teams will use their own buses in case of a thunder/lightning delay.
15. We will provide a Gate list to our away game opponent and provide our spectators with passes. The passes will have the student athletes name on it, so your gate personnel can put 2 checks next to each name on the Gate list as fans enter.

We thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns before coming to our facilities, please do not hesitate to contact our Athletic department at (716) 492-9351.

For further detailed information regarding the NYS Department of Health guidance please visit <https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/SportsAndRecreationMasterGuide.pdf>

For further detailed information from NYSPHSAA regarding return to interscholastic athletics please visit <http://www.nysphsaa.org/Portals/0/COVID%2019/Return%20To%20Interscholastic%20Athletics%20REVISED%20FINAL%20091120.pdf>