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Hello GB Community:

On Thursday, September 3rd, the MHSAA approved competition to begin for all fall sports. This means that high school soccer, volleyball, girls' swim and dive, and football will join previously approved girls' golf, cross-country, and boys' tennis. All fall sports are now able to practice and compete. Our middle schools will also begin fall athletic seasons and be required to follow the same guidelines. Middle school Athletic Directors will be in contact with their coaches, athletes, and families with more information.

While our athletes and coaches are excited to be able to participate this fall, this athletic season will look far different from past seasons. Grand Blanc Community Schools takes COVID-19 very seriously. Our Athletic Department has been following, and will continue to follow, all "MHSAA Return to Play Guidelines". These guidelines detail the protocols and procedures for practices, games, and transportation of student-athletes. The safety of our student-athletes will continue to be our top priority. Below you will find links to the Covid-19 procedures and guidelines for each fall sport.

In accordance with Executive Order 176, and MHSAA Update # 8, Grand Blanc Community Schools will be restricting spectators to all home events. Each athlete will have the opportunity to purchase two tickets to each athletic event in which they compete. These tickets will be pre-sold through the athletic office and are only available to student-athletes and their families. These will be the only spectators allowed at games. There will be no general or student ticket sales and no student section at games. Details on when tickets can be purchased by our athletes will be communicated through our coaching staff and via grandblancathletics.com.

While attending an athletic event at Grand Blanc Community Schools, all spectators must wear masks at all times and practice social distancing. We ask that all spectators do their part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 so that our athletes can enjoy this fall sports season. As in the past, bags/purses will be not allowed at any Grand Blanc High School home event.

Those wishing to watch certain Grand Blanc High School home athletic events can do so on the NFHS Network. All home events played at Frank Thomas Field, Don Batchelor Field, or in the Tartoni Athletic Center will be live-streamed on the NFHS Network. In order to view these events, a paid monthly subscription will be necessary. Further information regarding subscription costs can be found at www.nfhsnetwork.com.

Below you will find the check-in/practice procedures followed by the Grand Blanc Athletic Department, along with sport-specific links found on the MHSAA website.

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GBCS Fall Athletics Practice/Competition Procedures:

Athletes will begin their practice by checking in with their coach. Athletes will form a line spacing 6 feet apart and wearing masks while checking in. They must answer **NO** to the following questions:

1. Have you been exposed to someone that has tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 14 days?
2. Have you experienced shortness of breath, a fever, or flu-like symptoms in the last 14 days?
3. Have you been in close contact with anyone that has traveled internationally in the last 14 days?

Athletes answering yes to any of these questions and/or reading a temperature of 100.4 or higher will be sent home. The district nurses, in conjunction with the Genesee County Health Department, will be consulted regarding when an athlete can return to activity.

After Players are safely checked in and cleared to be present at practice, they may stretch and warm up while social distancing and continuing to wear a facial covering. The use of facemasks during aerobic activity and competition will be determined by the MHSAA in accordance with state executive orders.

Coaches are to keep accurate records of all athletes and adults in attendance. They are to use the Grand Blanc Community Schools COVID-19 Screening Form to log the responses of each attendee. These forms will be shared with the Athletic Department on a weekly basis.

Grand Blanc Community Schools is committed to providing the safest environment possible for our student-athletes. We appreciate your cooperation and support during these unprecedented times.

LINKS TO MHSAA INDIVIDUAL SPORTS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

Boys Cross Country: <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20XC.pdf>

Girls Cross Country: <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20XC.pdf>

Football: <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20FB.pdf>

Girls Golf: <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20GGF.pdf>

Boys Soccer: <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20BSO.pdf>

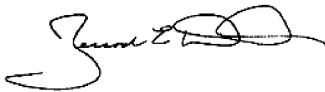
Girls Swim and Dive: <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20GSW.pdf>

Boys Tennis: <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20BTN.pdf>

Volleyball: <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20VB.pdf>

MHSAA Website: <https://www.mhsaa.com/>

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