The Lower Merion School District will continue to follow the state order that masks must be worn by all individuals while inside our school buildings. Therefore, all coaches, officials, players (not in play), and spectators must properly wear a face mask during all indoor competitions and activities. Additionally, our spectator policy for the 2021-2022 winter season will allow for 50% capacity in our venues. It is our hope to maintain a consistent competition schedule with no interruptions due to the current pandemic. It is imperative that all individuals abide by guidelines and requirements set forth by the Lower Merion Health & Safety plan and procedures developed at each one of our buildings. We believe this compliance will help us achieve a goal of health & safety so that our student-athletes can experience a successful season of setting and achieving their goals.

**Summary:**

- **Face Masks:** All coaches, officials, players (not in play), and spectators must properly wear a face mask during all indoor competitions and activities.
  - Mask optional status for players competing or involved in physical exertion.
- **Spectator Capacity:** All indoor venues will be set to a 50% occupancy capacity.
  - Each of our competing schools will develop procedures to ensure spectator limits and entry.
- **Concessions:** All concession items must be individually prepackaged. All spectators eating during a contest must do so in accordance with social distancing requirements of six feet.
- **Assurance Testing:** LMSD student-athletes participating in high risk sports such as basketball, wrestling, and squash will be required to participate in assurance testing once a week. A schedule will be determined by the athletic director and nursing department. This schedule will be communicated to the head coaches for translation to all team members. Parent/guardian consent must be given through PowerSchool in order for the student-athlete to participate in the required assurance testing.

We will continue to monitor the situation and work with the District’s Health & Safety Team to make any appropriate adjustments to these measures. Any such adjustments will be communicated widely.