

-Last week's ruling from the U.S. District Court of Western PA continues to create some flexibility for school districts, however, this ruling is still being appealed.

-Governor Wolf did not receive a Stay in the ruling but will seek relief from the Federal 3rd Circuit Court. This ruling could be reversed or put on hold at any time during our fall season.

-Yesterday, the attempt to override the veto on HB2787 was not successful. However, because of the court ruling, school districts still have flexibility in spectator planning.

At the September School Board Meeting the following was adopted as part of our Athletic Health and Safety Plan:

"Spectators will be permitted upon updated guidance from D.O.H and/or state law. If spectators are permitted, administration will develop a plan to allow limited spectators at indoor and outdoor events. By attending any event, spectators agree to abide by all state orders, current state guidance and school district protocols while at the event."

The latest guidance from the state is as follows:

School entities remain responsible for enforcing the face covering order and requiring social distancing at school and at all school events, including school sporting events. The administration encourages schools to voluntarily enforce the 25- person indoor and 250-person outdoor gathering limitation while all of us wait for the court to rule on the stay request.

-We still must plan appropriately for all events with the safety of our students and staff in mind. Our priority is keeping our buildings open for instruction. Other schools in PA will adapt their spectator plans as they see fit. We must plan appropriately for Otto-Eldred. Spectators will continue to be limited, as permitted by current law for the foreseeable future. We will continue to watch the COVID data for McKean County to help guide our planning.

-We should not expect any school to open their doors to visiting spectators. All schools will prioritize home spectators for home events. We will continue to share links and any other information for away venues.

-Home Football planning and Cross Country will not change. Only home spectators will be permitted (with game pass) for all home football events.

-We will continue to provide each volleyball player with a pass for 2 spectators. Games will continue to be streamed on YouTube. Remember that distancing and masking is still a requirement.

-Please remember, these passes are only good only if the ruling is in effect. If a Stay is granted or if the ruling is reversed, we will not be able to allow any spectators to home VB events.

Thank you for your cooperation!

