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After multiple meetings involving Superintendents and Athletic Directors from Maconaquah School Corporation, Peru Community Schools, and North Miami Community Schools as well as the Miami County Health Department, it has been decided that all Miami County Schools will continue to host fall sports. However, spectators will be limited to two spectators per participant for any event held inside a stadium or gymnasium. Participants include players, managers, cheerleaders, band members and coaches. At North Miami, this will apply to football and volleyball games. All other events: soccer, cross-country and golf will follow current IHSAA COVID-19 attendance guidelines that includes social distancing of 6ft.

This new regulation has come at the advice of the Miami County Health doctor after a recent rise in local COVID-19 cases and in order to assist with contact tracing if it becomes necessary. This new regulation will run on a one-week trial basis beginning August 17th. School sponsored sports at all grade levels within the three Miami County Schools are required to abide by this new initiative.

All spectators at volleyball and football games will have an assigned seat/assigned section that will mirror their purchased ticket number. Face coverings will be required for all spectators at all events when not seated. When possible, each school will have separate entrances, restrooms, and concession stands for visiting and home spectators. Ticket distribution and money collection will go through each individual team.

Each person involved in making this decision considered the importance of athletics to students, families, and even the community, but agreed that having a limited number of people at any hosted event would allow local COVID-19 guidelines and IHSAA safety measures to be properly followed. Additionally, limited occupancy can help minimize potential spread, and can help with contact tracing if it becomes necessary at any point.

It is imperative that all individuals follow this protocol in order to continue allowing spectators to be a part of school-sponsored events in Miami County. School personnel will meet with the Miami County Health Department on August 24th to determine next steps following this one week trial run. Understanding and cooperation is truly appreciated as all three schools work to navigate how to best approach fall sports during these unprecedented times.