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Lancers Parents, Student-Athletes, Coaches and Community,

I hope this communication finds everyone safe & healthy and enjoying the warm Ohio weather.

I want to provide you an update on the “no-contact period” our athletes have been a part of since Friday, July 17. This was initiated by the Lakewood Athletic Department and involved temporarily halting the summer conditioning and skills work of our athletic teams in Grades 7-12. This stoppage was completed at my request and with the support of the coaches in order for additional research to be completed as it related to the Ohio Department of Health placing Licking County in a **Red Alert Level 3** COVID-19 risk category.

Our athletic community was very fortunate to have avoided any confirmed COVID-19 cases prior to the no-contact period and, following the 10-day mandated stoppage, our programs remain as safe and healthy as possible. *(There have only been 6 confirmed cases in the Hebron zip area since early March.)*

With this in mind, following a Zoom meeting with high school and middle school fall sports head coaches this evening, **all athletic programs have been given permission to resume their summer workouts as early as Monday, July 27.** Teams will return to the phase they were in at the time of the temporary stoppage. *(NOTE: Middle School Football will advance to Phase 2 on Tuesday, July 28.)*

The OHSAA has advised that fall sports are moving forward with in-season practices beginning as early as Saturday, August 1. All coaches will continue working hard to keep everyone safe in order to get to that point; however, we need your help as well. **Please be certain any athlete reporting to practice is wearing a mask.** It is necessary that athletes wear a mask at all times while involved with Lakewood Athletics when not doing something strenuous.

Finally, per Governor DeWine, a 14-day quarantine is recommended for any athlete who visits one of the following “hot spot” states: Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Mississippi, Nevada, South Carolina and Texas. Please be sure to communicate with your coach if you plan to visit one of these states and when you will be returning.

On behalf of all Lakewood High and Middle School coaches, our priority remains the same as it always has... to have a safe, healthy and strong sports season. We ask that each of you do your part by wearing a mask, limiting your outings, eliminating get-togethers outside the community, etc. If we're fortunate enough to navigate this fall sports season with our kids on the field/court/course, it's going to take commitment from EVERYONE! Please be a part of giving our kids memories that will last a lifetime!

Stay safe & healthy! Go Lancers! Go Blue!

