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To Whom It May Concern:

In this unprecedented time of the pandemic we have been faced with many new challenges and will continue to encounter more. As we attempt to get the students back into school and try to normalize activities as much as possible we will be required to make some changes. These changes are intended to keep the students, faculty, staff, coaches as well as all families involved safe and healthy. It is also hoped that these plans will allow us to keep the students physically in school and allowed to participate in extracurricular activities.

A lot of thought went into the decision process. Initially it was my plan to follow some other counties and school districts and proceed with athletics but to do so without any fans. Only coaches and essential personnel would have been permitted. However, I have made the decision that senior student-athletes would be permitted 4 adults to attend games specific to their sport. No fans from visiting schools will be permitted with the exception of games played within our county. Senior parents from the 3 county high schools will be able to travel to away games at one of the other 2 county high schools. This decision was made because Adams County has one of the lowest infection rates in the area and this will permit unchecked fans from other schools coming into our community.

I reserve the right to amend this plan. If the infection rate in the county is increasing at a concerning rate then elimination of all fans may be required. If we start to see some light at the end of the tunnel then some of the restrictions may be slowly lifted and progress monitored.

Remember, the most important thing is that the kids get to participate.



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