



## NEWTON FALLS SPORTS UPDATE

In consideration of the health and safety of our community and after monitoring our current COVID numbers impacting Varsity athletics, the Newton Falls Administration will restart Varsity athletics with a “soft reopening.” NFHS athletics will restart competition with a “soft reopening” of high school events only, including both Girls & Boys JV & Varsity basketball teams.

- **JV & Varsity teams** will be permitted to begin practicing on Saturday 1/15/22 and begin competitive play on 1/18/22
- **JH & Freshman** may return to practice on Friday 1/21/22 after 3PM. They will return to game competition starting Monday 1/24/22.

**We ask that all fans entering the HS gym comply with these requests so that our student-athletes can continue to play and spectators can enjoy a safer environment.**

To best accommodate the safety of all players and spectators alike:

- Masks are mandatory; those with mask exemptions are asked to socially distance
- Students sitting in the student section will be socially distanced
- Seating capacity is being reduced to 30% of capacity
  - Capacity for HS events at this time will be limited to 300 spectators.
  - Ticket sales will remain online
- We ask that fans sit with immediate family members
- Fans socially distance at all times when possible

*These protocols and practices will be monitored and evaluated as we move through the season and may be modified as the season progresses.*

Tickets purchased for a postponed sporting event will be credited towards the makeup date. In the event the game has been cancelled and not rescheduled, those tickets will be credited towards another game.

## **Current Ohio Department of Health “Test to Play” Covid Guidelines**

Students who have been exposed to Covid in the school setting, including extracurricular activities, can continue to participate in all school activities under the following conditions:

- Wear a face mask when able (while on the sidelines or locker room, watching film, on the bus).
- Monitor for symptoms. Stay home and get a Covid test if symptoms develop.
- Get a Covid test upon notification of exposure. This must be a proctored test, performed by or under the guidance of a healthcare provider either in person or by video.
- Get another Covid test on day 5 after exposure (recommended, not required).

These guidelines apply to students with and without up to date Covid vaccinations. Students who have tested positive for Covid within the past 90 days do not need to get tested but should wear a mask.

Students exposed in any setting other than school or school sponsored activities cannot participate in “Test to Play” but instead must quarantine for 5 days following exposure and return on day 6 if symptom free.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during these fluid and trying times.

We are in this together and as always GO TIGERS!