



October 5, 2020

Please know that the today, October 5, 2020, the Helena Public Schools received an Order for Corrective Action from Lewis & Clark Public Health (LCPH). This Order specifically cites that on September 28, 2020, LCPH was notified of a second complaint regarding, "lack of compliance with the Order at an HSD sporting event." This is the second such complaint, the first coming as a warning on September 14th, 2020. As a result of this second reported violation, the Helena Public Schools are ordered to take the below corrective actions.

- Require physical distancing of at least six (6) feet for all spectators at HSD sporting events
- Require the use of face coverings for all spectators at HSD sporting events
- Submit a new plan or an addendum to the existing plan detailing how these requirements will be met

As a school district, we were not notified as to the dates or locations of the noted complaints. Nevertheless, we are required to follow all laws, orders, and directives including those associated with gatherings and mandatory use of masks/facial coverings. These precautionary, health-related practices are vital components to our district-wide expectations and, as advised by health professionals, incorporated for the betterment of our students, employees, families, and community.

We are asking that everyone attending sporting events affiliated with our Helena Public Schools strictly comply with our general expectations to wear a mask at all times and maintain physical distancing of at least six (6) feet. Any noted lack of compliance could negatively impact our approved ability as a school district to host spectators. We believe that action would be detrimental to our student-athletes and families and therefore, we want to do all that we can to comply and avoid any further Orders for Corrective Action.

As a school district, please know that the health and safety of our students, employees, families, and community remains our on ongoing priority. We ask that everyone associated with our schools and/or school events do their collective utmost to comply with the above-noted expectations. With your assistance, we are confident that we can collaboratively adhere to all related orders as we collectively strive to finish-out this fall season and prepare for opportunities this coming winter.

Thank you for your time, understanding, and support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tyler Ream', is written over the printed name and title.

Tyler Ream
Superintendent, Helena Public Schools