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Covid-19 Update for Kamiah School District Athletic Events

Hello parents, players, & fans,

I want to reach out and communicate an update to my earlier communication regarding Governor Little's Stage 2 plan for Idaho high school athletics. As I mentioned in my earlier letter, a number of Idaho education groups have worked cooperatively with the Governor's office to draft a set of protocols that would increase the number of spectators allowed at athletic events.

On December 30th, Governor Little signed an updated order that gave Idaho school district's the option to increase spectator attendance to 2 spectators per student athlete for home and away teams. This option requires board approval and signature of assurances that a number of protocols are met including health and safety measures, social distancing, etc. Although not perfect, this is a much-improved plan as compared to the previous protocols of 1 spectator per player. I have included the link to the complete plan at the bottom of this communication.

In summary, 2 spectators per student athlete are allowed for both home and away teams. In this protocol, cheerleaders, and JV players are allowed in the gym during the game. In addition, there are required protocols for masks on all essential workers, spectators, and other cleaning requirements.

On Wednesday, January 6th, at 6:00 p.m., Kamiah Joint School District No. 304 Board of Trustees will meet to review this plan for adoption. If approved, Board Chairman Simmler will consider the required assurance form that is then returned to the state. If approved, the new protocols can go into effect once both teams competing in an event have signed and returned the assurance form.

Best,
Ben Merrill

Governor Little Stage 2 Order (Signed December 30):

https://rebound.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/stage-2-modified-order_r.pdf

Athletic Specific Protocol (To be Considered by Kamiah Board January 6):

<https://rebound.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/hs-athletic-plan-spectators.pdf>