

# LEYDEN-NORWOOD ATHLETIC CONFERENCE



## Director

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## Member Schools

Elm School  
Giles School  
Hester School  
Lincoln School  
Mannheim School  
Pennoyer School  
Rhodes School  
River Grove School  
Rosemont School  
Union Ridge School

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Dear Parents,

We have received numerous questions over the past few days regarding the guidelines recently released by the LNAC to support the successful and safe implementation of our upcoming basketball season. Rather than responding individually to each inquiry, we felt it would be beneficial to further clarify these guidelines for all.

It is helpful to begin by reminding everyone that the goals of our athletic program, in order of priority, are to 1) provide an opportunity for our students to participate in organized athletics; 2) promote school spirit and positive experiences for the entire student body; and 3) foster connections with our parents and broader school community. It is with these goals in mind - in addition to the added priority of keeping our students, staff, and community safe - that we approach all of our conference-related decisions.

As such, commencing with the start of the basketball season, the following procedures have been put in place:

- All participants and spectators are required to wear a properly fitted face mask at all times, covering both the nose and mouth.
- Students from the host school will be allowed to attend athletic contests with the expectation that they maintain three feet of social distance at all times. This is consistent with the IDPH guidelines that are enforced during the regular school day. The number of students who are admitted to each event will be determined by the host school based upon the capacity limitations of their facility.
- Non-student spectators will be limited to host school families only. Family members will be allowed to sit together, but will be required to maintain a minimum of six feet of social distance from those outside of their family group at all times.
- Each member school will be allowed to select its own methodology for managing attendance limits based upon the capacity of their facility. Issuing paper tickets is one way of accomplishing this, but we recognize that it is not the only way. Regardless of how attendance is managed, it is the non-negotiable expectation of the conference that the aforementioned social distancing requirements are adhered to.

We recognize that your children's activities are important to you and we don't take any limitation of access lightly. With that in mind, the conference is pursuing options for live-streaming our athletic contests and anticipates having something in place prior to the start of the basketball season.

Please be aware that the aforementioned decisions are based upon our current reality with regard to COVID positivity rates and community spread of the virus. As conditions improve, these guidelines may be relaxed. However, it is equally important to note that the inverse applies as well. If conditions continue to worsen, it may be necessary for us to enact further safety measures. In the meantime, we appreciate your understanding and support as we strive to keep these programs going for the benefit of all our students.

Sincerely,

The LNAC Superintendents

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