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Athletic Update- Phase 3 of ReOpening

Over the past four weeks, Greeneview athletic teams have returned to our campuses to workout with coaches and their teammates. A group of coaches met with members of our administrative team at the beginning of June to discuss compliance with Responsible Restart Ohio [protocols](#) for [Skills Training](#), [Baseball/Softball](#), [Contact Sport Practices](#), and [Gyms/Fitness](#).

Locally, we developed specific guidelines to ensure we are complying with the guidelines established and communicated by the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Responsible Restart Ohio plans. Our staff and students have done a phenomenal job of working within these guidelines and we have worked through our first two phases of reopening. Greeneview Athletic Protocol

It is important to note that Greene County Public Health has made it very clear that we will not be able to prevent staff and students from contracting this virus. Infection is inevitable in our school and community. Our responsibility in this reopening process is to ensure that do all we can to prevent community spread. Over the past four weeks, we have had one confirmed case of COVID-19 within our athletic teams. That individual made the responsible decision to not attend workouts as soon as they felt ill. While they never exhibited the typical COVID-19 symptoms, they felt it was responsible to take a COVID test before returning. When they tested positive, they communicated with Greeneview administration and we made contact with public health officials. As an administrative team, we shut down the weight room that day to conduct a deep cleaning and to wait on guidance from county public health officials. Out of respect for families, our Athletic Director made contact with all student-athletes that had contact with the infected individual. Public health did not implement any further restrictions and we are happy to report that we have had no community spread of this positive case.

As we progress to our next phase, we must continue to enforce safety protocols and remain vigilant. The next phase will include inter-squad competitions, such as open gyms, open fields, and 7-on-7. In order to control the scope of our circles, we have chosen to limit these activities to current student athletes and they will not be open to alumni or community members for participation or spectating.

We are extremely thankful for the dedication and diligent work of our staff and students to ensure the safety of everyone in attendance. A return to competition and school in the fall will be contingent on each individual taking responsibility for their actions and responding like our previous infected individual. If we all desire to return in the fall, the following actions are necessary to keep each other healthy and stop the spread of COVID-19: stay home if you do not feel well, get tested, practice good hygiene habits, communicate with coaches and follow the recommendations of social distancing during workouts and outside of school activities.