Update to Ohio Director of Health’s Order

As Lt. Governor Husted indicated during Governor DeWine’s news conference yesterday, a significant deletion has been made to the Ohio Director of Health’s Order that was released today (Friday, September 25). Section C. viii. has been removed, which previously read:

• To limit exposure of players, sport participants shall not compete in more than one contest or game in any calendar day, unless it is against the same team(s) or player(s) as in the initial game or contest, and no sponsor, owner or manager of a sports meet, event, tournament or competition shall offer sport participants the opportunity to compete in more than one contest or game in any calendar day, unless it is against the same team(s) or player(s) as in the initial game or contest. For purposes of this Order, “contest” means a meet or match in which multiple teams engage in a single competition. Examples includes cross country meets, golf matches, bowling matches and tennis matches. “Contests” do not include round-robin or other multiple game tournaments.

This revision means that students CAN participate in multiple sports on the same day (e.g. run in a cross country event in the morning and participate in a soccer contest later in the day). This revision also means that team sports CAN face multiple opponents on the same day (e.g. volleyball can now play a tri-match on a single day against two different opponents).

Here is a link to the revised (9-25-20) Health Director’s Order: https://bit.ly/2RWa1jh.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please share this with coaches and others on your staff that may have interest in this information.