



# City of Meriden, Connecticut

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Record

SUBJECT: High School Football Game Play

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1. CIAC and DPH classify football game play in the “higher” risk category of the three tier system of “higher”, “moderate” and “low” risk of COVID 19 exposure for youth sports. It is also noted that football is not banned by the Connecticut DPH.

2. The City has been advised that high school football in Meriden will proceed as either a club program, or as an individual student choice sport for the fall and if allowed by CIAC, as a spring sport.

3. Club or individual league participation play, as described to the City, would entail game play at sites outside the City, for which the City does not have control over.

4. While the City does not recommend that game play occur, which is the current CT DPH and local health department recommendation, we recognize that high school football is going to occur and we wish to mitigate the risk of COVID 19 exposure. Therefore the City will permit high school football game play with the following requirements:

A. Any positive test for COVID 19, by any player, coach, assistant coach, or any other individual involved with a high school team that is deemed by the Director of Health and Human Services to have exposed the team, will require that entire team to quarantine for the required 14 days.

B. If the State of Connecticut COVID positivity rate exceeds 5% on any day during the football season, game play, at a minimum will be halted. Additionally, if the State in any of its ministerial decisions, indicates that game play will be halted, that also will conclude high school football game play.

C. High school football in Meriden will be conducted under the attached Football Return to Action Plan. The State of CT Reopen Rules for Sports must also be followed. Violations of the Reopen Rules may lead to games being halted/seasons being cancelled.

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