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MEMO: For Record

SUBJECT: Suspension of Meriden Raiders Football Season

DATE: 15 Sep 2020

1. To date, two separate incidents specifically associated with the Meriden Raiders football team, involving two separate COVID positive players, have necessitated the quarantining of 27 individuals from the first incident, and 35 individuals from the second incident. Many of the quarantined individuals are school aged children, who must now or have missed attending school for 14 days. Also these incidents require additional parental involvement due to the quarantined children being at home, thereby disrupting parental schedules.
2. Connecticut DPH has issued guidance identifying football as a high risk physical activity for exposure in the COVID environment.
3. The City of Meriden has seen an increase in COVID positive cases from 44 cases in the entire month of August to 54 cases at the midpoint (9/15/2020) of September.
4. In consultation with the Meriden Director of Health and Human Services, and by virtue of the Declaration of Emergency for the City of Meriden, dated 18 Mar 2020, I am suspending the Meriden Raiders Football season for the fall of 2020 in order to further the public health and safety of the Citizens of Meriden.

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