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Statement on County Health Department's Outdoor Gathering and Event Limitations

PITTSBURGH – The department continues to receive numerous inquiries, particularly from school districts, parents and coaches, related to the county's limits on outdoor gatherings and events.

As stated previously, each school district creates their own plans for return to school and sports in line with guidance from the state and Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA). It is up to districts to adapt their plans and interpret the guidance.

The 100-person limit on outdoor gatherings and events remains in place in Allegheny County. The August 21 statement issued in conjunction with the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League (WPIAL) used the idea of pods at a football game as an example of how pods could be used at a gathering. It is not limited to football, a game, or even sports. If pods – no matter their composition – follow the rest of the mitigation measures in place (i.e. physical distance, masking, etc.), then they meet the county guidelines.

All gatherings must still comply with the state's guidance requiring attendance not exceed 50% of the total occupancy otherwise permitted by law.

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