Union County High School Class of 2020

## Graduation Ceremony Announcement

The Union County College Corner Joint School District Administration has been considering multiple options to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2020.

After extensive local discussion, hearing guidance from the Governor, hearing guidance from the Department of Education, hearing guidance from the Union County Health Department, and coordination with our the Union County Fair Board, it has been decided to host graduation on the UCHS Football Field on <u>Friday</u>, July 17th at 8 p.m (We are still considering the use of Miami University's Millett Hall if it becomes available.) with additional guidelines as follows:

- <u>Rain Dates</u>. With planning outside events comes the possibility of inclement weather. With that in mind, please mark your calendars for the following rain dates: Saturday, July 18th at 8:00 p.m. 1st rain date; Friday, July 24th at 8:00 p.m. 2nd rain date; Saturday, July 25th at 8:00 p.m. 3rd rain date.
- <u>Graduation is voluntary</u>. Any student or guest who has concerns about their health and safety as related to COVID-19 should not attend. Graduates who do not attend will still receive their diploma.
- <u>Watch from home via Live Stream</u>. The ceremony will be streamed live for those unable to attend and an edited video copy will be shared with seniors and families. Students, families, and friends are encouraged to attend virtually if they prefer to do so or cannot attend.
- <u>Guests</u>. We will not be limiting the number of guests. However, social distancing between families will be required.
- <u>Seating</u>. Families may sit on the bleachers or bring their own lawn chairs. Each area will be marked appropriately so family groups maintain the CDC recommended 6-8 feet social distancing measures. Guests arriving together may sit closer than the prescribed six-foot distance but must do so at their own risk.
- <u>Masks recommended</u>. The use of PPE and other accepted COVID-19 safety measures is recommended. Masks are recommended and will be made available but in limited supply. You are encouraged to bring your own mask.
- <u>At-risk groups should not attend</u>. It is strongly recommended that anyone 65 or older, having pre-existing conditions, or who is "at-risk" per medical guidelines not attend. Anyone with concerns should consult their physician before deciding to attend.

\*Anyone diagnosed with or experiencing the symptoms of COVID-19, or anyone who has had contact with someone diagnosed with or experiencing the symptoms of COVID-19 must NOT attend.

\*High School Seniors will be required to attend graduation practice on Friday, July 17, at 11 a.m. in order to participate in the ceremony. Additional and more specific information regarding the ceremony will be provided to seniors and their families by the UCHS administrators in the near future.

## *Please remember the COVID-19 situation is ever-changing.* These plans may be revised if guidance from the Governor or local health department changes as the date nears.

