Princeton Athletic Department  
Basketball Gameday Protocols  
Princeton Viking Village  
150 Viking Way  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45246

Visiting High School Teams (Grades 9-12):

- All visiting teams and fans will enter through Viking Village.
- Please conduct all temperature scans and COVID checklist on the provided forms before entering the building.
- Contest-Day Screening Procedures • Accepted Temperature less than 100.4 F. Taking into account the potential for environmental factors causing an elevated temperature, should the temperature be elevated, it is appropriate to isolate the individual and recheck the temperature after 5-to-10 minutes of sitting in a cool environment.
- Self-Wellness Symptom check note that due to the variability and potential unreliability of temperature checks, should give more consideration to symptom check
- Please have all athletes arrive dressed. There will be 2 small dressing rooms and restrooms available on the west end of the arena. This is not a team staging area and should be used by no more than 5 athletes at a time. The visiting coaches need to monitor the locker areas. A white board will be provided in the staging area for coaches use.
- Team staging area will be in the bleachers directly behind team benches. Again visiting team coaches will monitor social distancing.
- All fans must purchase tickets through Hometown Ticketing. Boys Games will be played as triple headers with the Freshman game played at 5:00 pm, Junior Varsity at 6:15 and Varsity at 7:30. All girls games will be only Junior Varsity and Varsity. Please see visiting team allotment for tickets:
- Visiting Freshman Boys and cheerleaders will be given the opportunity to purchase up to 4 tickets at $5.00 each. The arena will be cleared and all freshman parents will be asked to leave the gym.
● JV and VarsityBoys Basketball parents will be allowed to purchase 3 tickets each and cheer parents may purchase 2 tickets at $7.00 each. Girls Basketball parents may purchase up to 4 tickets at $7.00 each.

● Please visit our website: www.vikenation.org; click on Viking Fans; Athletic Tickets & Passes.

● All fans must wear masks and social distance in bleachers.

● The Seating Has been Identified with “DOTS” Sit on a Dot to maintain social distance.

● Bench water will be provided by the facility host, but the visiting team/participants should supply their own coolers unless agreed upon by the facility host. If used, water coolers shall be sanitized prior to use and frequently during the contest and disposable one-time-use cups shall be utilized. Princeton Medical Staff will be the only personnel allowed to fill water bottles and coolers.

● Official’s table will consist of a home scorekeeper, clock operators, announcer and home stats. No visiting team stats or bookkeepers will be allowed at the score table (there will be tables set up directly behind the official table).

Requirements for Coaches:

● Coaches must wear face masks at all times, including arriving and departing the facility and during active play.

● Day-of roster is a maximum of 15 dressed players. 18 Total Chairs Available on Each Side

● Sideline personnel is limited to participants, coaches, medical staff and game-day staff.

● Communicate your guidelines in a clear manner to students and parents.

● Accurate records will be kept in Final Forms of those athletes and staff who attend each practice and match in case contact tracing is needed.

● We will sanitize equipment as often as time permits, including warm-up balls, with an EPA approved sanitizer for emerging pathogens.

● Princeton will provide the visiting team with a separate ball cart and balls for warm-up.

Recommendations for Athletes:

● Each athlete will be responsible for their own supplies.

● Athletes should wear their own appropriate workout clothing (do not share clothing), and individual clothing/towels should be washed and cleaned after every workout.

● Hand sanitizer will be plentiful, in plain sight and easily accessible at all contests and practices.

● Athletes should tell coaches immediately when they are not feeling well.

● Cloth face coverings/masks are permitted, if an individual prefers to wear one.
• Cloth face coverings/masks are not required (NFHS Rule 4-1-4) while engaged in active play. State and local requirements for face coverings are to be followed when not actively engaged in play.
• Gloves are permissible (NFHS Rule 4-1-1).
• Bring your own water bottle.

Recommendations for Officials
• Conduct daily symptom check before each contest
• Take your temperature before arriving at the contest. Please stay at home and contact host school if temperature is above 100.4
• Wash hands frequently.
• Do not share equipment.
• Follow social distancing guidelines.
• Consider six feet minimum distance when carding or talking to others (players, coaches, other officials).
• Electronic whistles are permitted, if an official prefers to use one. Electronic whistles are not required.
• Do not shake hands or fist bump coaches or players including in the pre-game and post-game ceremony.
• Use of radios to communicate with partners is permissible.
• Cloth face coverings/masks/shields are permitted, if an individual prefers to wear one. Cloth face coverings/masks are not required while engaged in active play. State and local requirements for face coverings are to be followed when not actively engaged in play. • Gloves are permissible.

Recommendations for Parents
• A family’s role in maintaining safety guidelines for themselves and others):
  ○ Make sure your child and immediate household members are free from illness before participating in practice and competition (if there is doubt stay home),
  ○ Provide personal items for your child and clearly label them.
  ○ Disinfect your student’s personal equipment after each game or practice.
  ○ Educate yourself on the risks and benefits of athletic participation in the time of COVID and ensure you and your athlete are aware of the guidance surrounding athletic events.

Game Day Venue Restrictions
• Local school administrators, in consultation with local health departments, should determine whether cheerleaders, mascots and dance teams should participate in events. It is strongly encouraged to take into consideration the venue’s ability to
safely allow for and enforce proper physical distancing amongst cheerleaders, mascots and dance teams.

- Direct physical interaction with and sharing of equipment and “apparel” with fellow cheerleaders, mascots and dance team members, including those from the opposing team(s), and fans should be prohibited.
- Cheerleaders, mascots and dance teams and all auxiliary personnel should always practice physical distancing when possible and should also wear a facemask/covering as much as possible and when appropriate.
- Local school administrators, in consultation with local health departments, should determine whether bands may play where physical distancing can be observed, but consideration should be given to seating arrangements consistent with all previously mentioned recommendations during the contest both indoors or outdoors. Band members and all auxiliary band personnel should always practice physical distancing when possible and should also wear a facemask/covering as much as possible and when appropriate.

Recommendations for accommodating the media will be posted on the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org) to reflect the guidance received from Health Officials and other professional organizations when such guidance is available.

**Spectators**

- OHSAA member schools should follow the guidance of local, state and federal recommendations as it pertains to spectator events and stadium capacity restrictions if and when such information becomes available.
- All spectators should have their temperature assessed prior to entering the competition venue.
- Spectators should wear a facemask/covering at all times possible.
- Spectators should be restricted from direct competition areas and from visiting with student-athletes and personnel before, during and after events.
- Spectators should not congregate in hallways, common traffic areas or gyms.
- Spectators should always practice physical distancing when possible with those outside of their direct family parties.
- Host schools are encouraged to have Hand Sanitizer available at Stadium Entrance, Concession Stands and Rest Rooms.
- Local school administrators, in consultation with local health departments, should determine whether “to-go” meals for their student-athletes in individualized, single packaged containers should be permitted.
- Local school administrators should consider placing an ‘X’ on each seat between two seats that are together in the football stadium and indoor sports arenas to represent social distance requirements.
• Each GMC School will determine their Stadium and Gym Restricted Capacity following social distancing guidelines. It is preferred that this calculation for capacity be made 7 days prior to the first scrimmage and communicated to all GMC Schools.

• Capacity does not include: ▪ Players, Cheerleaders, Pep Bands, Coaches, Game Workers, Security, Administrative

Staff Ticket Sales/Pre-Sales
• No Tickets will be sold at gate, if possible
• Tickets will be available on-line for schools that offer on-line ticketing

Student Sections
• In accordance with the Governor’s Order, there should not be Student Sections at Events.

Concessions
• Local school administrators, in consultation with local health departments, should determine whether the sale of unopened, pre-packaged food and drink should be permitted at concession stands. If sales at concession stands are permitted, concession workers should wear masks in accordance with state mandates. If sales at concession stands are permitted, individuals in line for concessions should practice physical distancing. If sales at concession stands are permitted, host sites should provide clear and visible ground or floor markings six feet apart to designate line configuration and physical distancing requirements for individuals waiting for concessions

Athletic Training Room
Visiting student-athletes should wear a face mask/covering at all times while in host site athletic training facility.

Host site athletic training rooms should not be available for visiting team pregame and postgame treatments.

If team is not traveling with an Athletic Trainer:
• Be considerate of additional contact that will be required and provided by the host site.
• Complete all taping/bracing at home if possible.
• Host site ATC should be contacted prior to trip, and a plan should be formulated on space and procedures for completing any taping and abiding by appropriate
hand washing/sanitation activities upon entry and exit and any time they have come in contact with something possibly contaminated.

Limit number of occupants in the athletic training room at any given time to maintain appropriate physical distancing. This will be dependent upon size of the athletic training room and determined by appropriate staff, should be posted outside the room, monitored and limits enforced.

A designated waiting area outside of the athletic training room should be marked with appropriate physical distancing.

If treatment or rehabilitation of a student-athlete requires use of a taping table or an exam table, the table should be protected and disinfected after each time it is used, regardless of physical barrier used.

Treatment/taping tables should be appropriately distanced a minimum of six feet apart.

Consider, weather permitting, taping be performed in an outside environment.

Commonly touched services including ice machines, door handles and other shared equipment should be routinely disinfected at the beginning of the day, throughout the day as use dictates and at the end of the day.

Efforts should be made to utilize premade ice bags that can be picked up individualized by the student-athletes that need them to avoid multiple contact with the ice machine and ice scooper.

Bags should be left in an open cooler, if possible, to avoid lid/handle contamination.

The use of cold or hot tubs should be limited to one individual at a time. Cold and hot tubs should be drained, cleansed and disinfected between individual use at the beginning and end of every day.

Possible COVID-19 cases may be evaluated in the athletic training room. Therefore, access should be limited and controlled by the athletic trainer.

**Locker Rooms**

Locker Room should be cleaned and sanitized prior to the visiting team’s arrival and use of the facility. Locker Room use should be limited to use of rest room facilities and
halftime. Again a maximum of 5 (coaches and players will be allowed in the room). You will be given 2 of these rooms.

**Locker Room Etiquette**
Participants must wear masks in the locker room.
Teams are expected to arrive dressed and discourage from changing of clothes and showering at the facility.

(5) Will be the maximum number of occupants allowed in the locker room at any given time and the length of time that they may be present in the locker room.

Assure safe distances in the locker room at a minimum of six feet between occupants.

Consider a rotating schedule for players in and out of the locker room (and training areas) to avoid potential congestion.

Encourage student-athletes to transport their individual equipment including uniforms, towels and shoes in a designated bag so they can take it home and disinfect appropriately daily or more often if needed.

For away games, designate a bin for transportation of uniforms/washable items.

All athletic training rooms, locker rooms, weight rooms, meeting rooms and any other gathering places should be cleaned according to the most up-to-date CDC guidelines.

Schools and/or host facilities should be vigilant about not only cleaning throughout the day but also conducting a thorough cleaning at the end of the day of all the aforementioned areas.

**All in attendance should be keenly aware of the importance of following all safety protocols.** Individual opinion or feeling towards social distancing and facial coverings are not up for discussion. In short, all involved in this event have to follow the direction provided by PrincetonAthletic Administration. The reason for this direction is the safety of all participants and to allow student athletes from both teams to continue to have the opportunity to play the game that they love.

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