

Safety Protocols for Boys' Basketball

Practices, Games and Travel

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Season: 2021-2022

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, GAHS will have mitigation procedures and practices that will be followed during the times of practice, interscholastic events and while traveling on the school bus to help reduce the spread of COVID 19. These procedures and practices follow the CDC Guidelines Updated July 2021 and the recommendations from Navajo Nation Department of Dine Education and Local Health Care.

All these listed mandates are following the current version of CDC's Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools for at least the remainder of the 2020-2021 academic school year. See the following:

- Student(s) in the presence of any of the symptoms below should not attend any practices nor interscholastic competition. Only if a student is able to provide physical proof from a health care physician, he was tested NEGATIVE with a COVID 19 RAPID TEST, then will the student be allowed to rejoin interscholastic participation. Symptoms do include any of the following:
 - o Temperature of $\geq 100.4^{\circ}$
 - o Sore Throat
 - o Cough (for student with asthma, a change from their baseline breathing)
 - o Difficulty of breathing (for student with asthma, a change from their baseline breathing)
 - o Diarrhea or vomiting
 - o New loss of taste or smell
 - o New onset of severe headache, especially with fever
- The Form 15.7-A COVID 19 screener will be administered to all basketball participants who want to try out for the team. This form will need to be filled out in it's entirely with full and as much details as possible for administration and coaches refers before the first day of tryouts.
- Both shots of either the Pfizer vaccination or Moderna vaccination is highly encouraged for interscholastic participation. Not only for individual safety but also for those other athletics and the coaches.
- Temperature checks will be taken before, during and after:
 - o Practice
 - o Traveling on the bus
 - o Interscholastic competition.
- Disposable masks must be worn at all times indoors, on the court, in the locker room and on the bench. Masks will follow AIA's specific preferences and specifications. No other mask will be worn unless approved by Athletic Director and/or school administration.
- Social distancing will be practiced when students are not engaged in the team activity on the court. A minimal distance of 3 feet apart as per stated by CDC Guidelines.
- Do not touch unnecessary objects.

- Washing of hands will be done upon entrance of gym and before going onto the court:
 - o Practice.
 - o Interscholastic competition.

Once hand washing is done, student will also use hand sanitation before use of any equipment is touched.

- Washing of hands will be done after practice or interscholastic competition is concluded, before exiting the building and/or entering the bus.

- Every student shall bring the following for their own personal use for practice and/or interscholastic event:
 - o Water bottle that can close fully and can be disinfected.
 - o Hand towel/ regular towel.

- Sanitation of all equipment after use will be done by all players who used that equipment after being used and before next person handles that said equipment during practice.

- Sharing of personal item(s) will be prohibited at the following locations:
 - o Practice
 - o Traveling on the bus
 - o Interscholastic competition.

- All athletes and their parent(s)/guardian(s) will need to provide the head coach with up-to-date contact information, in case unforeseen events do occur with scheduling of practice, interscholastic events and/or other emergency situations. If contact information does change, notification to the head coach will be greatly appreciated.