

Okeene Public Schools New Gymnasium 2020-2021 Covid-19 Basketball Protocols

The Okeene Public School Board of Education and Administration have developed a policy for the upcoming season we hope will allow everyone to enjoy the 2020-2021 basketball season while enacting safety measures which will better protect our players, officials, and spectators who wish to attend a ballgame here in Okeene. We ask for your patience and understanding as we must all work together to ensure the safety of everyone in attendance along with allowing our student/athletes the best to start and complete their upcoming season.

Entry Numbers:

- The maximum capacity allowed will be **576**. We will be skipping every other row in order to adequately maintain the CDC recommended 6ft social distancing perimeter.
- This allows for 234 on the home and visitors side (total 468).
- This allows 54 seats to be used on each end (total 108).

General Guidelines & Practices:

- Face Masks/Facial Coverings will be **required** to enter the building and must remain on at all times until you are seated with your party. This includes movement to and from the concession and restroom area.
- Seats and rows not used will be marked and we ask you to not sit in these areas.
- Students in elementary school (Pre-K-6th grade) will not be allowed entrance unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Students must also remain in their seats next to parents or legal guardians and will not be allowed to hang out in the gym lobby or around the walk-way above.
- Students in grades 7th - 12th will have a designated area to sit and will be subject to the masking and social distancing guidelines.
- All staff members (workers, administrators, and coaches) will be required to wear masks at all times unless seated with their families.
- We ask all spectators exit the building within 15 minutes of the last game.

Concession Guidelines:

- Our Concession will be open to patrons, but we ask that masks remain on while in-line and that everyone do their part to ensure social-distancing.
- We ask fans to consider visiting the concession area prior to half-time and immediately following half-time to avoid long lines.
- Food and drink will be allowed inside the gymnasium.
- **All** Concession workers will be required to wear a mask or facial covering at all times while preparing and serving food.

Cleaning Procedures:

- Our custodial staff will periodically clean the public restrooms and wipe down high touch surfaces during ballgames.
- Locker Rooms will be disinfected during times they are not in use. In particular during tournaments as more schools use these areas.

Player/Coach Information:

- We encourage visiting teams to come dressed for the game.
- We ask coaches to check player temperatures prior to boarding the bus for Okeene.
- Team benches will be sanitized at half-time and between games.
- We will continually rotate 2-3 basketballs during the game in order to ensure sanitation is being done properly and effectively.
- Locker Rooms will be disinfected between games during tournaments when they are not in use.
- Buses will park on the northeast corner of the gym and players, managers, and coaches will enter and exit through the northeast door of the gymnasium.
- We ask all coach's to please pass this information on to your players and patrons who may be attending a game here in Okeene.

Tournaments:

- Any and all general guidelines, practices, concession guidelines, cleaning procedures, and player guidelines will apply.
- We ask for consideration by patrons towards the teams playing when deciding to stay or leave. We would like to ensure seating is available for the patrons of the teams playing during their allotted time.

For the safety of everyone in attendance we ask that anyone feeling ill, running a fever, or have symptoms associated with COVID-19 to NOT attend ballgames in Okeene.

All Okeene Basketball games held in our new gymnasium will be live streamed. Information related to livestreaming will be made public as we have more details on how this system will work.

We appreciate your understanding of our safety measures and we will continue to monitor and evaluate the current COVID-19 situation, and

make adjustments we deem necessary to ensure the safety of all who attend ballgames in Okeene during the 2020-2021 school year.