



Dear Turkey Valley Parents, Students, Community Members,

Turkey Valley has developed, and will continue to work towards developing, procedures for our students and coaches to have a successful and safe season during a pandemic. We will need the cooperation from all students, coaches, officials and spectators to help us navigate our competitive team sports through this time. We will continue to be adaptable as we receive new guidance or receive new recommendations from the Governor, IGHSAU, IAHSAA, Public Health and the Iowa Department of Education.

The Governor in a proclamation on November 17th, established a mask requirement at all venues that have over 15 people in attendance. **It is also a state mandate that we limit attendance to two (2) spectators per participant.** The Upper Iowa Conference will be issuing two tickets to each student participant for their family to use for the events their student is participating. Until further notice, the only way you can attend events is if you have this specific ticket. Admission fees will still be required.

For your convenience, Turkey Valley Community School District will be broadcasting our high school home athletic events via the NFHS network. Please visit the following website: www.nfhsnetwork.com

Those in attendance are required to have a mask on when entering the facility and for the duration of the event. This is a state rule, and as a public school we are required to enforce this. The Iowa Department of Public Health has determined that wearing a mask has been beneficial in controlling the spread of COVID-19. All schools will expect all fans to wear masks during the entire event. After the conclusion of the game in which your son/daughter is participating, we will require you to leave the gym to make room for the next set of parents. Anyone not wearing a mask will be asked to leave the event.

Spectators in attendance will be asked to sit in specific locations in the gym to allow for social distancing. We strongly encourage you to bring your own hand sanitizer. There will be limited concessions available. We will allow beverages purchased at our concession stand to be consumed in the gym, replacing face covering immediately. Food purchased at our concession stand must be consumed in our cafeteria area. No food will be allowed in the gymnasium. After eating in the cafeteria area, at a distance of six feet from others, replace your mask.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 (fever 100.4 or higher, loss of taste/smell, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headaches, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea) or have been exposed to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days, please do not attend.

We would ask that everyone please be considerate of others around you. It is our continued hope that these strategies will give us our greatest chance to keep everyone safe and keep our students and staff in school, which is where we want to be!

The Governor cancelled Middle School afterschool activities until December 11, 2020, at which time the state will reassess the middle school sports seasons. This means that there will be no practices, games or meets for our middle school athletes.

Additionally, and until further notice, the Turkey Valley School will be closed to outside agencies wishing to use our facilities.

**Below you will find a list of Frequently Asked Questions. Turkey Valley will follow these guidelines as listed below:

Q1: Does the proclamation permit cheerleaders to perform at the event?

A1: The proclamation does not currently limit the attendance or participation of other supporting participants in the event. **They are not spectators.** They would be required to wear masks per total gathering limitations and would be *required to properly social distance from others in attendance*. They do not get two additional spectators as they are not the sporting event's participants.

Q2: How are "multiple games" defined? Must spectators for the first game leave after that game or may they remain for the second game?

A2: **Two spectators are permitted for each athletic participant in an event. Separate games are separate gatherings. Spectators need to leave or wait to arrive, as applicable, unless they are also one of the two spectators for an athletic participant. If a spectator has a student-athlete competing in a first event and another competing in a later event, the spectator may remain at the facility once they are there.**

Q3: Can participants from the first event remain and watch the second event (boys and girls doubleheader, or junior varsity and varsity doubleheader)?

A3: **Yes, participants may watch the preceding or following event in which they are already present for.**

Q4: If the proclamation permits the following to be part of an event, does it permit two spectators for any or all of the following: coaches, managers, trainers, statisticians, video operators, announcers, etc.?

A4: The proclamation does not currently limit the attendance or participation of other supporting participants in the event. They are not spectators. They would be required to wear masks per total gathering limitations and would be required to properly social distance from others in attendance. They do not get two additional spectators as they are not the sporting event's participants.

Q5: Are media members permitted to attend events? Should they be limited to a certain number?

A5: The proclamation does not currently limit members of the media from attending the event. They would be required to wear masks per total gathering limitations and would be required to properly social distance from others in attendance.

Q6: What kind of gatherings are my high school athletic teams allowed to have?

A6: Sporting event-related activities *for high school sports* are permitted, which would include competitions, practices, workouts, and open gyms. Social, community, business, or leisure gatherings (team banquets, meals, awards, ceremonies, etc.) are restricted to no more than 15 people indoors and 30 people outdoors.

Q7: With junior high activities prohibited, can weight training or workouts continue?

A7: Weight training and workouts would be considered gatherings and are prohibited.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

With Trojan Pride,

Mrs. Renée Cuvelier, Principal

Mr. Dalton Hackman, Athletic Director

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 **Basketball Games at Turkey Valley** 

Admission: \$5.00 per person. Activity passes will be honored.
TWO (2) spectator passes will be issued per student athlete.

Sanitize hands upon entry to the school building.
Sanitizer is provided at the entrance of the school.
Spectators are encouraged to bring their own sanitizer.

 **Face masks are REQUIRED at ALL times.** 

Social distancing with your family group in the bleachers
IS REQUIRED.
Maintain 6 feet of space per family unit.

Limited concessions available. Food is to be eaten in the cafeteria
area maintaining 6 feet social distance from others.
(Look for the GREEN taped X's which signify
a SAFE distance of 6' between persons eating.)
Beverages are allowed in the gymnasium.

All of our games are available to be viewed from home by
subscribing to the NFHS Network.