

## Grove Athletics In-Season COVID-19 Protocols

The Grove Athletic Department has the following protocols for the 2020-2021 sports seasons. The protocols outlined in this document are in place to decrease the potential exposure and spread of COVID-19 to our student-athletes, coaches, spectators and visiting student-athletes, coaches, and spectators.

This is an exhaustive list of all protocols we will be taking to help mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19 and is a document that will be reviewed and adjusted as needed as new information becomes available from the CDC, State Health Department, SDE, and OSSAA. Even when taking all the precautions, there is still a risk of transmitting and being exposed to the illness. We continue to encourage hand-washing for 20 seconds or use of hand sanitizer (60% alcohol), the wearing of masks, and social distancing. We will continue with our disinfecting protocols at all of our athletic facilities.

### **When you are in our facilities, we are asking you to follow the guidelines below:**

- Please pre-screen all of your athletes and coaches before arriving at our facilities.
- Cloth face coverings/masks are required for participants, coaches, workers, officials, patrons, or anyone entering a Grove Public School Facility. Refusal to wear a mask or face covering may prevent admittance into the facility.
- Student-Athletes and coaches will remain in a mask on the sidelines or the bench area. When entering the actual playing field, court, or mat the student-athlete and umpire/official may remove their mask to compete and officiate. (Coaches are required to keep masks on unless they can appropriately social distance).
- While we believe sportsmanship is paramount to the development of young people, at this time, we will not recommend on hand shaking between opposing teams, both before and after games, to reduce contact as much as possible.
- All non-participants will be required to wear masks/face coverings at all times especially when social-distancing is difficult (i.e. concession areas, restrooms, and stadium concourses)
- Locker rooms will be accessible to teams but we highly recommend, for both home and visiting teams and officials, to come dressed and ready to participate for the event. Masks will be required in the locker rooms, athletic training rooms, coaches' offices and any area considered outside of the playing field, court, or mat.
- Only necessary personnel will be allowed in the press box and at the scorer's table.
- When traveling to and from away events, all Grove coaches and student-athletes will be required to wear face coverings.

### **Facility:**

- Appropriate cleaning protocols will be followed.
- Ticket takers, ticket sellers, and concession workers will wear a face mask.
- High congestion areas will be marked with appropriate social distancing markers.