



O'CONNELL
COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOL

2020-21 GUIDELINES & RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Due to the circumstances caused by COVID-19, all students enrolled at O'Connell College Preparatory HS are eligible to participate in athletics for the 2020-2021 school year regardless of whether they have chosen in-class or virtual learning.

ALL ATHLETES, COACHES, OFFICIALS, & FANS ARE TO SELF-SCREEN

All people planning on attending an event at O'Connell College Preparatory HS are to self-screen before leaving home, answering the following questions:

- Have you been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
- Do you have a fever of 100.3 degrees or higher?
- Are you experiencing chills?
- Do you have shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing?
- Are you experiencing muscle or body aches that are not associated with any physical activity?
- Do you have headaches?
- Are you experiencing a loss of smell?
- Do you have a sore throat, congestion, or runny nose?
- Are you experiencing nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea?

If your answer to any of the above questions is "yes," please DO NOT come to the school or to an athletic event. Remain at home, and contact your physician, or refer to the CDC guidelines on the recommended course action.

LOCKER ROOMS AVAILABILITY

Locker rooms will not be provided for teams at this time. Visiting teams should arrive dressed, or in a fashion that allows them to easily prepare for games. In the event a dressing area is absolutely needed, arrangements will be made upon the team's arrival.

FACE COVERINGS

All athletes and visitors to campus are required to wear face coverings while on the O'Connell College Preparatory HS campus, or at any auxiliary facility used by the school.

In accordance with TAPPS guidelines, athletes will be required to wear a mask or face covering while not actively competing in an athletic contest. If the athlete is actively on the field or court of play, they will not be required to wear a face covering, however they may wear one if they so choose.

It is highly suggested that coaches wear a face covering when social distancing is not possible during a contest.

ON CAMPUS HEALTH SCREENING

- All students will have their temperature taken upon arriving to campus each day.
- Athletes will have their temperature taken by the athletic trainer prior to an athletic contest.
- Visiting teams and coaches will have their temperatures taken by the O'Connell athletic trainer upon arrival to campus for an athletic contest.
- Fans and spectators WILL NOT be screened upon arrival to campus for an event. All fans are asked to self-screen before leaving home.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- It is the responsibility of the coaches to ensure that their teams practice and maintain social distancing when possible.
- Coaches are to enforce the rule that their players wear their masks or face coverings when they are not actively participating in games or practices. Players may choose to wear their masks while actively competing in a contest, if they desire.
- Appropriate social distancing must be observed on the sidelines and benches during practices and games.

PRESENCE OF COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

In the event an individual shows symptoms of COVID-19, they may not return to athletic activities until the following conditions have been met:

- The fever is no longer present for a period of at least 48 hours, without the use of medications to reduce fever.
- In the event an individual tests positive for COVID-19, they cannot return to campus or athletic activity until released by a doctor.

FANS/SPECTATORS, ADMISSION AND SEATING CAPACITY

- For all home contests, fans will be allowed to enter the facility 30 minutes before the scheduled game time. Until that time, fans must remain in their vehicles.
- All fans MUST wear a mask or face covering to attend athletic events.
- Social distancing must be observed in the stands at the recommended 6 feet of space, unless sitting with family.
- O'Connell is allowing fans at a reduced capacity of 2 fans for each player on the team. At the time when the O'Connell online ticketing system becomes available, then visiting schools will be given information in advance on how their fans can purchase tickets from the allocated amount reserved for their school.
- The concession stand will be open for events in the gymnasium, selling only pre-packaged items (drinks, candy, chips). No prepared food will be served. Concession availability for football games will be decided on a game by game basis.

VISITING TEAMS

- All members of the visiting team, including coaching staff will receive temperature checks upon arriving for an athletic contest.
- All athletes must arrive wearing a mask or face covering. They must remain on until the contest begins, unless it is during a warm-up period, or time of training.
- In an effort to avoid the possible transmission of COVID-19, visiting teams must bring their own water for games. **For football games**, visiting teams are asked to bring their own coolers.

STUDENT SUPPORT GROUPS

Student support groups (cheer, band, dance, etc.) are not being allowed at any indoor events at this time. For football games, support groups may possibly be allowed, depending on the capacity of the facility the team will be using. This will be discussed with the visiting school in the days prior to the scheduled football game.

TRANSPORTATION

- All athletes are required to wear masks or face coverings for the duration of the trip while travelling on school-provided transportation.
- As of now, trips involving overnight transportation or hotel stays are not currently being scheduled. Trips may be approved in special situations.
- For the 2020-21 school year, parents may transport their own child to road games. However, they must still follow the rules of travel set by the head coach. (i.e. They must depart at the same time as the team van departs for the game).
- Vans are to be completely cleaned from any trash upon returning to the school.

OFFICIALS & GAME WORKERS

- Game officials and workers are required to self-screen at home and will receive temperature checks upon arrival.
- The table crew for indoor events will be limited to 3 people: the clock operator, the home bookkeeper, and (for volleyball) the home libero tracker.
- The visiting team bookkeeper must remain in the bench area with their team.
- Table personnel will be required to wear masks or face coverings.

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