

November 24, 2020

Re: Winter Sports COVID-19 Mitigation Procedures – Berryhill Public Schools

Dear students, staff, parents, guardians, families, patrons, community and guests:

As we begin the winter sport’s season of 2020 – 2021, it will be different than any sports season that any of us have encountered. As we navigate through these uncertain times during the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like you to know that the health and safety of all student-athletes, coaches, staff, officials, administrators, parents and patrons are our primary concern. Thank you for helping us stay the course in these pursuits as we start the 2020-2021 winter sports season.

This is not an exhaustive list of all protocols we will be taking to help mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19 and will be reviewed and adjusted as needed as new information becomes available from the CDC, State Health Department, State Department of Education and the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Activity Association. Even with these precautions, there is still a risk of transmitting and being exposed to the illness.

The four basic action steps of Berryhill Public Schools remain:

- **Watch your self – Folks who are experiencing any COVID-19 related symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, fever) or have had contact with a person with COVID-19, please do not enter this facility.**
- **Wear your mask – Masks are required to be worn at all times inside the facility for all individuals, school-aged and older, for the duration of the event, until exiting the facility.**
- **Watch your hands – Hygiene/Sanitization – wash hands, cover coughs and sneezes; beware of what you touch.**
- **Watch your space – Practice social distancing to the greatest degree possible (6 feet of space recommended).**

Winter sports take place indoors. COVID-19 seems to spread more readily indoors as opposed to outdoors. As such, these precautions are more restrictive than those implemented for the outdoor fall sports. Thank you for working with us to “keep COVID out, so we can keep school in!”

COVID-19 mitigation procedures for the 2020-2021 winter sports season at Berryhill Public Schools

- **Admission is limited to 50% of seating capacity.**
- **Players/Participants will be given vouchers. These vouchers are to be given to family member/friends and will allow them to purchase tickets for admission to**

games. **Every spectator, school-age and older, must have a voucher in order to gain admission.**

- Masks are required to be worn at all times inside the facility for all individuals, school-age and older, for the duration of the event, until exiting the facility.
- All patrons will exercise social distancing procedures to the extent feasible while in the athletic facilities.
- Some seating areas may be marked off as unavailable. Please refrain from sitting in these areas to help us keep everyone safe.
- Sitting in family groups is encouraged at all times.
- Outside food and drink is prohibited.
- Concessions will be limited to pre-packaged food and individual bottled soda or water.
- Only coaches, players, participants, administrators, and pre-approved media will be allowed on the courts/mats/arena floor before or after contests. Media can be pre-approved through the athletic offices of the host school.
- All BHS athletes will be pre-screened before home and away events. We are asking visiting schools to do the same.
- Ventilation fans will be utilized at various points of the contest to circulate outside air through the facility. (CC Ogilvie Gymnasium only)

Voucher procedures

Varsity basketball admission **will require a voucher** for all home contests. **Basketball and cheer participants** will receive up to 4 vouchers for each contest. Participants will distribute these vouchers as they deem appropriate. The vouchers will be utilized to gain admission to the specific contest for which the voucher is printed.

- The voucher procedure is the most effective way to accurately count capacity, thus mitigating the spread of COVID-19.
- Vouchers will be delivered to **home participants** for distribution in the days prior to each specific contest. Vouchers will be delivered to the athletic director of **visiting school** for distribution in the days prior to the specific contest. The voucher procedure will be required of both guest and home fans.
- **A voucher will be required for admission of all spectators, school-aged and older.** The voucher will be required with either a PASS (OSSAA/Faculty/Student Athlete/Senior Citizen) or the purchase of a ticket.

Junior Varsity (JV) Basketball will not utilize vouchers. All junior varsity games will be played at the Berryhill Activity Center.

Middle School Basketball will not utilize vouchers. The revised middle school schedule will allow one team playing at home and one team playing on the road the same night. This will minimize fans in the gym.

Varsity/middle school wrestling will also utilize vouchers for all home events. Varsity and middle school wrestling admission will require a voucher. Varsity and middle school wrestling and cheer participants will receive 4 vouchers for each contest. Participants will distribute these vouchers as they deem appropriate. The vouchers will be utilized to gain admission to the specific contest for which the voucher is printed.

In closing, the faces of many longtime Chief and Maiden fans and friends have continually played through my mind as these winter sports precautions have been considered. These precautions are not meant to offend or disregard any of you. I sincerely look forward to the day that precautions such as these are no longer necessary. However, given the responsibility and duty of the safety of our people, these precautions are necessary. As a result, I know many folks will not be able to attend these events, and for that I am truly sorry.

The safety of our students, staff and families remains our top priority. Thank you for helping us stay the course in these pursuits as we start the 2020-2021 winter sports season.

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Respectfully,

**Mike Campbell
Superintendent of Schools**