



Basketball Game Day Protocols and Information for Visiting Teams

To Our 2021 Basketball Opponents,

Like many schools, Beacon has worked diligently to meet the guidelines for the return to interscholastic athletics for the 2021 Winter season. Below you will find very important information for your teams and coaches while attending basketball games at Beacon. These safety protocols may be slightly different from other Section One schools and we will update you if any changes to our policies occur.

Health Screening

- **All** members of your teams (athletes and coaches) will have completed and successfully passed a COVID-19 symptom clearance process administered by your district prior to arriving at our campus.
- **All** members of our teams (athletes and coaches) will have completed and successfully passed a COVID-19 Health Screening process.

Contact Tracing

- We ask that you keep accurate records of all members of your travel party (i.e. full name and contact information) associated with the game/contest in the event contact tracing becomes necessary.

Spectators

- As per Section One guidelines, spectators from visiting schools **may not** attend games on our campus.

Visiting Team Members

- **All** members of your teams are **expected to always wear appropriate face coverings** on our campus. If an athlete finds a mask to be "Intolerable," they must remove themselves from activity and social distance themselves a minimum of 12 feet from the activity.
- Visiting teams should arrive on campus dressed for competition. Locker rooms **will not** be available except for bathroom purposes.
- If Varsity and JV teams arrive together, the team not playing must remain in the bleachers and sit 6 feet apart. Players should not leave the gym and wander throughout the building.

6 Feet Distancing

- In accordance with NYSDOH guidance, coaches must ensure a distance of at least six feet is maintained among individuals at all times unless actively playing in the game. If a shorter distance is required, individuals must wear acceptable face coverings. Coaches, trainers, and other individuals who are not directly engaged in physical activity are required to wear a face covering. During team meetings and water breaks athletes must attempt to maintain social distancing.

Hydration

- Athletes are expected to bring their own water to games. Athletes should not share their water bottles. Large water coolers will not be provided by the Beacon Athletic Department.

Bench Area

- Players will sit the bleachers sit 6 feet apart in accordance with social distance regulations.

Balls and Equipment

- Sanitized balls will be provided on ball carts for warm-up. Before the second half starts, the balls will be sanitized by the assigned custodian for the game and the team will use the same ball cart.

Halftime Procedures

- At half time of games, teams will remain in opposite ends of the gym. If the bathroom is needed, they should enter their designated locker room from the gym entrance. Halftime meetings will NOT take place in the locker room. Coaches should maintain social distancing during halftime and time outs.

National Anthem / Player Introductions

- Social distancing should be maintained during the National Anthem and on sidelines.

Handshakes / Hugs / High Fives / Fist Bumps

- Handshakes, hugs, high fives and fist bumps are not permitted.

Hospitality

- We will have rest rooms available for individual use, one person, at a time. Locker Rooms will be available only if needed for bathroom purposes only.

Bus drop off and pickup

- **Beacon High School-** After entering the athletic parking lot, buses will drop off their team at the roadway entrance next to the Softball field. From there, teams will walk to the side of the building and proceed to the side entrance of the building. A security guard, chaperone or staff member will then direct you to your bench area.
- **Rombout Middle School-** Buses will drop off their team at the first glass door located at the gymnasium. A security guard, chaperone or staff member will then direct you to your bench area.

Athletic Trainer

- Our Athletic Trainer will be on site for most if not all games on campus. He will help coordinate all safety protocols for the Athletes.

We look forward to seeing you at Beacon and we wish you good luck during the season!



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