

November 12, 2021

Hello Hope families, coaches, and athletes,

After careful consideration with the updated COVID guidelines from the Washington State Department of Health, along with the directives from the league we play in, Mrs. Okabayashi and I have come up with the guidelines that we will be regarding COVID protocols for winter sports.

Basketball

Basketball is considered an indoor high contact sport according to the Department of Health COVID guidelines. This means:

- During practices and games, masks are required to be on for coaches at all times.
- During practices, players are allowed to remain unmasked if they choose during active practice time such as scrimmages, intense drills, etc.
- During games, masks are ok to be off when on the court but if sitting on the bench, masks need to be on. If they choose, athletes can also remain masked at all times.
- Vaccinated athletes do not need to be tested for COVID-19. If athletes are vaccinated, be sure to submit a screenshot of the vaccination card to the school office at office@hopeseattle.org. Athletes are not required to be vaccinated.
- Unvaccinated basketball players must be tested twice per week during the athletic season, and within 24 hours of any game. Fortunately Hope is set up for rapid testing and so we can complete tests on campus easily during the school day. More communication will come on this to our unvaccinated athletes.
- Prior to games, each team will submit a roster stating that all players are either fully vaccinated or had a negative COVID test within 24 hours.
- All fans must be masked at all times unless temporarily eating or drinking, and are asked to remain socially distanced.
- All fans should exit the gym in a timely manner and talk outside instead of inside the gym.

If a student is diagnosed with COVID or has close-contact, all teams will follow school guidelines on protocols to follow. If a family is more comfortable that their student wear a mask then they are of course able to do as they feel in that regard.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to email either myself or Mrs. Okabayashi.

Blessings,

Mr. Goodspeed