



**Town of Webb UFSD DISTRICT**  
**2021 Covid-19 SPORT SPECIFIC PLANS**  
**Volleyball**

**General Considerations**

**The NYSDOH has determined that Volleyball is a high-risk sport due to the following concerns:**

- Athletes inability to maintain physical distance
- Necessary physical contact due to nature of sport
- Necessary sharing of equipment due to nature of sport

**VOLLEYBALL SPECIFIC PREPAREDNESS PLAN**

- PLAN ADMINISTRATOR: Tanner Russell, plan administrator, is responsible for communicating the plan to student-athletes, coaches, parents, trainers, referees/officials, etc.
- PLAN COORDINATOR: John Swick, plan coordinator will serve as point of contact, should any cases be identified. The coordinator must facilitate and assist with case investigation and contact elicitation and notification.
- Approved masks are mandatory in all locations (practice, competition & locker rooms) covering mouth and nose and fitted
- Practice times will be scheduled. Athletes will be instructed they are to be picked up/leave the facilities immediately following their practice to avoid crowding and congestion.
- Following games, teams will be instructed to leave through opposite exits. Visiting teams will be instructed to leave from the lobby, followed by the home teams/referees through the back bus circle.
- Sharing of personal objects is absolutely prohibited.
- Any other shared objects will be disinfected following drills, or any activity where partners are switched.
- During games, game balls will be sanitized/disinfected (following recommendations from ball manufacturer) during timeouts/or any other lengthy stoppages of play (i.e., halftime, end of quarter, etc.)
- No use of Locker Rooms, Visiting team will be given gym lobby and home team will go to the cafeteria hallway.
- Athletes are encouraged to utilize clothing that can be worn over their uniforms following contests/practices.
- Approved masks are mandatory in locker rooms as well in all other locations.
- Athletes should avoid carpooling to and from contests and practices if possible.
- Hand Sanitizing stations will be near the scorer's table, ref's changing room, as well as both team benches, along with being in readily accessible areas in the gymnasium during practice.

- Travel to and from games will follow all NYS requirements: including masks, social distancing
  - Potential travel home from contests with parents
- Team dinners are prohibited; School buses will not stop on the way to/from contests.
- Unnecessary physical contact (high-fives, handshakes) must be avoided.
- Pre-game introductions will be eliminated.
- Overnight travel is prohibited.
- Team benches will be set up so that no player's area is within 6 feet of another. Seats will be assigned, and disinfected between contests.
- Scorekeepers and clock operators for the Home team only will be at the scorer's table.  
A designated area will be set up for the Visiting team's scorekeeper.
- Report concerns please contact Tanner Russell, AD or John Swick Principal
- Social Distancing of more than 6 feet must be maintained if a face mask is removed for any reason.

**Coaches will:**

- Complete the DAILY COVID questionnaire before arrival to the facility.
- Follow directions on COVID questionnaire regarding their attendance that day.
- Help other coaches identify student-athletes who should not be in the gymnasium (must leave immediately).
- Communicate directly with the athletic director before starting activities for the day to ensure that all procedures have been completed with student-athletes and coaches.
- Always keep their athletes in cohorts.
- Wear an approved face mask at all times.
- Immediately stop any activity for the day if guidelines are not being followed.

**Student-Athletes will:**

- Complete COVID questionnaire before their arrival to gymnasium.
- Wear an approved face mask at all times when within 6 feet of others, unless the student has written notification from their health care provider.
- Follow the directions of the screeners at ALL TIMES.

**Parents will:**

- Follow the NYSDOH guidance; when allowed. Currently no spectators are allowed
- Check in with assigned staff upon entry.
- Refrain from congregating within 6 feet of other spectators in the gym.
- Wear an approved face mask at all times.
- Wash/sanitize hands frequently.

**Screening process:**

- All Athletes and coaches will be screened prior to practice or competition, regardless of their attendance at school.

- o Screening will include; temperature checks, along with checking of other symptoms associated with COVID-19 (loss of taste/smell, unexplained cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, etc.)

### **Failed Screenings**

#### **In the event of failed screening, the following steps must be taken:**

The designated screener will send the student-athlete home immediately and will communicate with parents/guardians. (Parents/guardians are asked to remain in the vicinity until their children clear the screening process.)

- The designated screener will notify coaches of athlete-participation status.
- Student-athletes will be required to obtain a medical clearance from a physician to return to activity.

### **OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **Considerations for Coaches**

- Communicate your guidelines in a clear manner to students and parents.
- Consider practices in “cohorts” of same students, always training and rotating together in practice to ensure more limited exposure if someone develops an infection.
- Keep accurate records of those athletes and staff who attend each activity in case contact tracing is required.
- Social distancing is required at all times.
- Wear an approved face mask at all times. Face coverings must cover nose and mouth.

#### **Considerations for Student-Athletes**

- Consider making each student responsible for their own supplies.
- Students must wear their own, appropriate clothing (no shared items); all clothing/towels must be washed/cleaned after every activity immediately upon returning home.
- Once an activity is concluded, all borrowed materials will be collected and disinfected.

#### **Considerations for Parents**

- Provide personal items for your child and clearly label them.
- Spectators should not congregate within 6 feet of other spectators in the gym.
- In accordance with NYSDOH guidance, only two spectators per participant are *permitted*, when *allowed*. **Currently Spectators are not allowed.**
- Make sure their student-athletes complete the daily screening.
- Pick up their child immediately if contacted regarding the possibility that child has COVID-19 symptoms.
- Get medical clearance for their child to participate in activities, if directed by the district.

### **Facility Cleaning**

- All areas and equipment used by participants must be disinfected using a disinfectant/cleaner approved by the EPA for use against Covid 19.
- All participants, coaches, and spectators will need to wash/sanitize their hands on arrival and departure.
- Rigorously clean and disinfect any shared equipment (e.g., basketballs) between use.
- Disinfect shared chairs and tables (scorer's table and bench chairs) between use.
- Remind players and coaches to clean and disinfect equipment before and after use.
- Proper social distance must be practiced in all bathrooms.