

This document is intended to provide guidance for schools for the 2021-22 Basketball season. This is not an exhaustive list and school officials may take additional measures based on requirements set forth by their school district and/or local health officials. Please understand that even with this guidance, there is still risk of transmitting illness at events such as basketball games. Additionally, with the changing nature of the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, these guidelines may change.

Additional information may be found at:

[Sports Safety Guidance | IDPH - Illinois.gov](https://www.idph.state.il.us/sports-safety-guidance)

ELIGIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students must be meeting all eligibility requirements (Grades, age, residency, etc...) • Students must have a current physical on file prior to practice. • E-learning students may be eligible provided the local district allows their participation.
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<p>FACE COVERINGS</p> <p>*All individuals aged two years and older who can medically tolerate a mask, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask and maintain physical distancing to the extent possible.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ATHLETES: Face coverings must be worn at all times. Players should bring multiple masks to replace sweat soaked masks through games and practices. Players not in the game must wear a mask and be socially distant in the bench area. • COACHES: Face coverings must be worn at all times. • SPECTATORS: Face coverings must be worn. • GAME PERSONNEL: Table personnel and officials are required to wear face coverings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is recommended that programs require physicians notes for individuals who have a medical contraindication to wearing a face covering. Face coverings must fully cover the mouth and nose and must fit snugly against the sides of the face with no gaps. Reusable face coverings should be machine washed or washed by hand and allowed to dry completely after each use. • Face coverings may also be removed while eating or drinking but must be immediately replaced.
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Officials ARE NOT responsible for monitoring social distancing guidelines on the team benches, sidelines, in the bleachers, or anywhere outside the boundaries of the court. Coaches and school personnel are responsible for monitoring their own teams.

ADDITIONAL INFORMAITON:

*Due to players wearing masks during contests, a media time-out will be taken each quarter at the first dead ball after the halfway mark to give players an opportunity to catch their breath. The Media time-out will last 60 seconds with a warning horn at 45 seconds.

*Games will begin with a jump ball.

*Social distancing should be maintained on benches.

*Refrain from pre-game and post game handshakes.