



## CAL Basketball Covid-19 Control Plan

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Based upon the State of RI Reopening Guidelines, CDC Considerations for Youth Sports and RIIL and NFHS COVID-19 Recommendations it seems that if schools and parishes are allowed to compete in basketball beginning in January 2021, **CAL schools, parishes and coaches will be expected to adhere to the following (outline per Reopening RI Phase III Youth, Adult & School Sports Guidelines and Indoor Facilities 12.17.2020 and RIIL Requirements for Interscholastic Athletics 12.18.2020):**

**Maintenance of Stable Groups:** CAL teams should be organized into stable groups.

- ✓ The same individuals - including players, coaches and staff should remain in the same group or on the same team over the course of the entire season.

**Face Masks and Coverings:** Coaches, staff, officials, players and spectators must wear a face covering at all times with no exceptions. This includes wearing a face covering during practices, scrimmages and games.

- ✓ Schools and parishes will provide coaches with supplies to provide to children and spectators if necessary.
- ✓ Student athletes should bring multiple masks with them to each work out, practice or game in order to change masks if one breaks or becomes wet/soiled.
- ✓ Face coverings must completely cover the nose and mouth and can only be removed to hydrate. CAL will not allow gaiters to be worn during games.
- ✓ The primary responsibility for facemask compliance lies with the coach.

**Physical Distancing:** Coaches (and CAL Administrators or School Administrators if present) will enforce social distancing of 6' between individuals not competing and spectators.

- ✓ Bleachers where available should be used as team benches to insure adequate social distancing. Players and coaches should be assigned a specific seat for the duration of the contest. If an assigned seat cannot be accommodated, the person exiting the court is required to disinfect the seat.
- ✓ A maximum of 14 individuals (including players and coaches) will be allowed on the bench. Official scorer and timer do not count in this total.
- ✓ Stable Groups (teams) should maintain a physical distance of 14' between each other.
- ✓ There will be no congratulatory hand shaking, fist bumps, elbow bumps or high fives at any CAL events.
- ✓ Spectators should insure at least 6' of distance between family groups and 14' from the outer limit of play.
- ✓ Spectators will be limited to one member of a student athlete's household at any CAL practice or contest.

**Responding to a Positive Case or Outbreak and Minimizing access by Covid-19 Positive or Symptomatic Individuals:** The contact information for Coaches, student athletes who test positive, have been exposed to or have symptoms of Covid-19 must be reported by the school or parish to the RIDOH and CAL.

- ✓ Coaches must maintain a daily attendance log for all practices and contests. Student athletes and coaches must be screened daily before participating in any CAL athletic activity.

- ✓ Any coach, student athlete or parent/spectator who does not feel well or who has been exposed to another person with Covid-19 should not participate and be excused from the activity. If a player coach, official or staff member tests positive for Covid-19 the entire team or group who have been in contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID-19 needs to quarantine for 10 days or in accordance with RI Executive Orders and Directions from the RIDOH.
- ✓ In addition, coaches, staff, athletes, officials and spectators should not attend games, practices or any related sports activities while waiting for a Covid-19 test result.
- ✓ Upon notification of a confirmed positive case, CAL will notify the Principal or Pastor of all other school or parish athletes who were in contact with each other of this information.

(Attachments: CAL COVID-19 Attendance Monitoring Form, COVID-19 19 Screening Tool and CAL Covid-19 Coach Attestation Form).

**Communication with Employees or Volunteers (agents of the Principal and or Pastor):** A virtual meeting with all basketball coaches will take place TBD and all CAL Coaches will receive a copy of the CAL COVID-19 Control Plan for Basketball.

- ✓ In addition, each Principal. Pastor or designated school or parish staff member will share the school's COVID-19 control plan with the volunteer coach.
- ✓ The coach and CAL Administrators when present will act as Compliance Officers to ensure that the COVID-19 Control Plan is being enacted at all contests.

**Cleaning, Hand Washing/ Sanitizing and Decontamination:** Coaches will instruct and require all student athletes to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water before and after all practices and contests if conditions permit, or to have them use hand-sanitizer (with at least 60% alcohol content).

- ✓ Families will be expected to assist and provide student athletes with the opportunity to wash or sanitize their hands.
- ✓ Schools will provide coaches with hand sanitizer and/or sanitizing wipes so that they can offer them to students who do not have them.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer and disposable masks should be made available at all practice and game sites.
- ✓ There will be no sharing of water bottles or equipment. Student athletes will be expected to provide their own equipment including their own water bottle for their use only and they should clean and sanitize their equipment before and after use.
- ✓ Rest rooms are maintained per the venue and their regular cleaning plan.

**Facility Considerations:** Host teams are recommended to ensure that their facilities have been properly sanitized and have hand sanitizer and disposable masks available for practices and contests.

- ✓ Host teams should assume responsibility for cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and equipment including basketballs.
- ✓ Host teams should put into place measures to reduce bi-directional foot traffic including, but not limited to signs with arrows or tape, including separate entrances and exits where possible.

**Staying Up to Date on Industry-Specific Guidance:** CAL will continue to monitor, consult and adhere to all Executive Orders, CDC, RIDOH, National Federation of State High Schools, the RI Interscholastic League and RI Principals Committee on Athletics Grades 6-8 as well as the Catholic School Office for all guidance to ensure the health and safety of all CAL coaches, student athletes and families so they can safely enjoy and return to athletic competition in 2021.