

Guidance for Social Distancing and Use of the Maple Grove Community Gymnasium

Winter 2021

Effective January 13, 2021

In accordance with the Minnesota Department of Health/Education (MDH)/(MDE) guidelines for social distancing in youth sports as well as the Governor's Executive Orders, we have devised a plan to offer programming in the Maple Grove Community Gymnasiums (MGCG). This plan will provide opportunities for youth to develop or maintain fitness, enhance skills, mental well-being, and social and emotional health in a safe and controlled environment. Safety is our primary concern and all items listed below must be agreed upon and followed by all parties to use the MGCG facility. Any violation will result in not only the request to exit the building but will also eliminate any future opportunities to use the facility.



The MGCG facility contains 6 courts when divided by curtains. There is also a commons area that will be divided into 6 sections with tables that will coordinate with each court. Please see diagram above. Restrooms will be available, but social distancing and handwashing is mandatory. **Social Distancing with-in pods requires a 3-foot radius around each participant, resulting in a 6-foot total distance between any two people.**

Parameters for MGCG Use:

- Each of the 6 practice courts will be considered a pod. **All pods must contain no more than 25 people including coaches & players.** Total capacity of the six practice courts will be kept at or below 150 people at any given time. All people in the facility will be required to wear a face mask at all times and face shields are currently not accepted as an alternative to a face mask. Anyone violating this policy will be asked to leave.
- There will be no congregating in the commons area. This space will only be used for participants before their event. Teams will enter and exit the facility while maintaining proper social distancing.
- There will be no parents or spectators allowed in the commons area. If it is necessary for them to attend, they must maintain proper social distancing.
- To **avoid intermixing between pods**, assigned spaces within the commons area will be utilized. There will also be separate doors to enter (main entrance) and exit (door near concession stand) the facility. Participants should be dropped off and picked up outside. Teams should congregate outside, while adhering to social distancing guidelines, and (1) enter the facility ten minutes before their scheduled start time, (2) go directly to the commons area chairs assigned to their practice court, (3) once their practice court is vacated – take their bags and other personal belongings with them to their practice court. When a practice ends, everyone from that court should gather their bags and personal belongings and exit the facility together while adhering to social distancing guidelines.
- While participants are on the courts, **contact and scrimmaging is allowed.**
- Have all participants bring their own labeled ball. If sharing of equipment must occur, consider cleaning it between each use.
- Water fountains can be used for filling water bottles only.
- Snacks can be brought in by participants but cannot be shared or sold in the facility.
- Basketball camp participants are allowed to eat lunch outside the facility while practicing social distancing and not intersecting with other pods of campers. If weather does not permit outdoor eating, campers are allowed to eat their lunch in the commons area, no more than two pods at a time, while practicing social distancing and not intersecting with other pods of campers. If more than two pods require to eat lunch indoors, sufficient time between pods eating is required to allow Community Education resource time to wipe down tables and chairs for the next pods. All garbage will be disposed of inside the facility by pod to avoid intersecting pods.
- Records must be kept by facility users with the date and time of all participants & coaches using each court in the facility and submitted to Jim Davison.
- **Any participant or coach that feels ill should stay home.**
- If a participant or coach starts feeling ill or displaying symptoms, they will be removed from the group and sensitively isolated until they are able to be picked up.
- Renters will be expected to provide hand sanitizer for use by their participants during their scheduled time on the court.

While we will do everything we can to provide participants with a healthy and safe environment, it is ultimately up to parents and caregivers to monitor their children for symptoms and keep them home if they are ill. Routine temperature checks are advised. The MGCG Management and District 279 are not responsible for any participant coming down with an illness. Please participate in programs in the facility at your own risk.

As the MDH adjusts parameters based on the epidemiology of COVID-19 in Minnesota, updates to all facility users will be provided.

Rory Larson, OMGBA Covid-19 Manager (Covid19@omgba.net or 763-232-5257) is serving as the contact person overseeing the COVID-19 Plan between October 2020 through March 2021 while Jim Davison, OMGBA President and MGCG Business Manager (president@omgba.net or 763-516-1763) is serving as the contact person overseeing the COVID-19 Plan between March 2021 and September 2021.