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# COVID-19 Safety Protocol Policy for Athletics

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#### **Policy Basis**

In general, all policies adhered to by Trinity College of Florida follow either the recommendations made by the <u>CDC</u> or by the <u>Florida Department of Health</u>.

#### Policy on Athletic Practice and Team Meetings

- Masks should be worn at all times.
- Masks will need to be worn whenever there is a team meeting and social distancing will be practiced in whatever room they meet.
- Masks and physical distancing are highly recommended going to and from practices.
- Limited physical interaction to ensure the safety of the players is highly recommended such as hugging, high-fiving, hand slapping, etc., between players and/or coaches.
- Balls should be sanitized before and after practice. It would be best to use the same balls from one practice to another to ensure the safety of the players.
- If water bottles are provided by the team, they will need to be sanitized before and after each practice. If players bring their own drinks, they should not share them with other players.
- Towels should not be shared between players and are to be washed/sanitized daily.
- Temperatures are to be checked before each practice. Coaches and trainers are responsible to do this. Any player with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will not be allowed to practice. If a player has a temperature of 100 degrees he is to be sent back to his room at the school and the Dean of Students or his assistant should be contacted. At that point, the student is to self quarantine while waiting for further direction from the Office of Student Development and his/her parents.

• The rules/policies of the establishment where the practice is being held should be followed at all times.

## Policy on Athletic Travel

- Masks are highly recommended to be worn on the bus, into any common areas, hotels, restaurants, or gas stations, etc.
- Realizing that practicing social distancing on the bus or in vans will be challenging, players and coaches will do their best to sit in every other seat. This is to help ensure the safety of the players and the coaches.
- The rules for the state(s) that are being traveled to or through will be followed by players and coaches.

### Policy on Athletic Games

- Masks are highly recommended to be worn to and from games.
- Limited physical interaction to ensure the safety of the players is highly recommended such as hugging, high-fiving, hand slapping, etc., between players and/or coaches.
- Fans are highly recommended to wear a mask and practice social distancing at the games. This will go for both home and visiting fans. Once the game is over, everyone will be asked to leave. There will be no playing on the court during half-time or after the game is over.
- The rules/requirements of the home team (whether in their own gym or a rented one) will be followed by both teams.