



# GREEN MOUNTAIN UNION HIGH SCHOOL

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## **GMUHS Winter Sports Guidelines** **Girls & Boys Basketball**

GMUHS is committed to providing the resources necessary for our student athletes to engage in a full season of winter sports. It is essential that our students be able to participate in a meaningful learning experience and a safe environment. Our winter sports guidelines for Green Mountain will reflect the current Covid policies and guidelines in place at our school.

### **Vaccination**

We strongly recommend vaccination for our student athletes. Vaccination is a mitigation strategy that will allow students to compete in winter sports and stay in school for the season. Athletes and families that are vaccinated will not need to quarantine if an exposure occurs and they are asymptomatic. Unvaccinated athletes will be able to participate in a Test-To-Stay program following an exposure and will be allowed to continue participating in team-based practices, but not in games or any activities involving another school.

### **Testing**

It is recommended that all student athletes participate in our weekly surveillance testing (PCR) for early detection and to decrease the risk of spread.

### **Contact Tracing**

Vermont schools will maintain responsibility for internal contact tracing when a student athlete or staff participated in a school-based sports program while infectious. The Vermont Department of Health will undertake contact tracing for any identified close contacts to infectious event spectators.

### **Masking**

Masks must be worn by all student-athletes, coaching staff, referees and spectators during indoor practices, competitions, and games, regardless of individual vaccination status.

Masks are required by all student athletes, coaches, and support staff in locker rooms and on buses.

Anyone who fails to or refuses to follow the guidelines above will be asked to leave the facility or lose bus privileges.

### **Spectators**

Green Mountain does allow visitors and parents to enter school buildings on a limited basis as long as they agree to follow all masking and distancing guidelines.

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Keeping this in mind the administration has decided to allow GM spectators to attend games in the gymnasium under the following protocols:

- There will be a limit of 5 spectators per GM athlete in attendance at the game.
- All spectators must wear masks at all times when in the building.
- All spectators must maintain appropriate distance when in the stands.
- Failure to comply with these measures may result in removal of individuals from the game or removal of all spectators.
- No spectators for visiting teams will be admitted to GM home games.

We will reexamine these guidelines on January 14th, two weeks after the end of our winter break. Any changes to these guidelines at that time will be determined by current State data on Covid spread and the school's capacity to monitor the COVID mitigation strategies that are in place.

### **Visiting Teams**

An area behind the visitor bench will be provided for the non-participating team (i.e., JV while Varsity is playing). Their respective coaches are expected to maintain all protocols, such as masking. No visiting spectators will be admitted to GM home games.

### **Away Games**

All players and fans attending away games must adhere to the protocols required by that venue. Other schools may limit or not allow visiting fans.

### **Concessions**

There will be no concessions sold at home games. Spectators are welcome to bring their own personal water bottles.

### **Live Streaming**

All games played at GMUHS will be live streamed on the <https://www.NFHNetwork.com/>

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