

# ATHLETIC AREAS

Staying active is important for the physical and emotional well being of students. Yet, the gymnasium, locker rooms, weight rooms, and other athletic areas can present a substantial risk of transmission. New procedures and protocols will need to be adopted to protect the health and safety of students.



## PARTNERS IN PROTECTION

### WIPE AWAY RISK

Ensure a plentiful supply of wipes for use in athletic areas. Using wipes is a straightforward way to reduce risk.



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#### Gym Events

If there is an event in the gym, attendees should wipe their seating area prior to sitting down.



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#### Fitness Equipment

Students and staff should be reminded to wipe down weight room equipment following use.



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#### Sports Equipment

If possible, limit the use of shared sports equipment - including balls, etc. If shared equipment is used, wipe following use.



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#### Responsibility

If the school is not comfortable having students use wipes, assign a staff member to wipe all necessary items and surfaces.

### SOCIAL DISTANCING

The size of the gymnasium allows for physical activity while practicing recommended social distancing. Proper placement of floor and wall decals will help guide students. The weight room and locker room provide more of a challenge. Block off fitness equipment to ensure spacing and assign lockers in such a way as to avoid close contact. Consider staggered use of facilities.

### ANOTHER RESTROOM

- Treat locker rooms as a general restroom. Service high-touch points multiple times a day.
- Assign staff who will be responsible for wiping key touch points following each gym class period.
- High-touch points: toilet, urinal, & sink handles; hand dryer buttons; paper towel & hand soap dispensers.
- Students may also play a role: wiping locker room benches, lockers and shower implements.
- Assign a staff member to wipe all surfaces if uncomfortable having students perform wiping.