

Hi Everyone!

I know that things have changed in our area over the last few days with coronavirus cases now being identified in Ohio and Ohio State announcing the closing of their campus for 60,000 students for the next several weeks. I have heard of schools quarantining students or disinfecting the entire building. I am sure that is elevating concerns and probably seems scary to many of our players, especially the younger ones. We want to do all we can to help ease your minds.

I want to let you all it is being monitored by Tyler and I. We are reading CDC, USA Volleyball and OVR updates regularly and will make adjustments to things as information deems fitting. Below are the current statements from them as of yesterday:

[USAV & OVR](#)

[CDC](#)

At this time IGNITE is operating as planned with a few precautionary measures being made:

- I have connected with The Edge and asked about their plan for intensifying gym cleaning they are sending that plan to me tomorrow
- Several hundreds of dollars of Micro sanitation spray have been purchased and the balls will be prayed after practices each night to sanitize them
- Our teams will not be participating in "good luck or good game handshakes" as recommended by USAV
- Players are required to wash their hands before practices on their way into the gym. We will be providing extra hand soap in the Edge bathrooms and ask players have sanitizer in their bags so they can use them when needed
- We ask ANY player feeling ill NOT ATTEND practices or tournaments. I know the girls want to "tough it out" and not let people down, or not seem like a "baby".... but we are asking that if they don't feel well, they stay home.
- IF you are traveling out of the country or to high risk/infected areas for spring break- please inform us. Depending on the level of the virus cases and the situation in our area when you return, we may ask you get tested or cleared before returning to the gym (it is possible they will be required to do this by the government anyways). I am aware there are families traveling out of the country for Spring breaks, just please keep us in the loop.
- If we ever decide to suspend the program for a short amount of time, it will only be done if completely needed. We are not going to panic or overreact but we do need to also be wise. Knowing that many of our players are heading into spring break in the next 2-3 weeks means a lot of travel and that may affect the number of cases we see. If that does happen, we will follow the advice from CDC, USAV and patterns of local schools.

What you can do:

- Don't panic, and please don't instill panic in your kids!
- Wash your hands and teach your kids the RIGHT way to wash their hands as well
- Remind them when you drop them off to wash their hands before entering the gym
- Keep your kids home if they do not feel well!!!

- If you are traveling in the next few weeks please let us know
- As recommended by CDC as of today, people over 60 should avoid crowds. It is our suggestion that anyone over 60 take a break from coming to support your player for just a few weeks. They are the high-risk part of our population.

As things develop, I will update you all again as our policies and procedures might change as this week develops. There is no need to panic here, we are all just being precautionary and protective of our families and players. Sometimes just a little extra effort can help things and ease worried

minds  Love you all, let me know if you need anything.