**Planning to Come to an Event at the Hearnes Center**

**Administrative Office phone number:** 573-882-6501

**Ticket Office phone number:** 573-884-7297

**Address:** Hearnes Center, 600 East Stadium Blvd, Columbia, MO 65203

**CONSIDER BRINGING:**

* Earplugs or headphones (if sensitive to noises)
* Distraction items and/or calming tools (such as tablet device, small game or toy , comfort object, sensory strategies, etc.) *\*see limitations listed below*

**PROHIBITED ITEMS:** *\* Prohibited items must be returned to the owner's car or discarded. The University of Missouri will not be responsible for any items left at the entrances.*

* Outside food and drink (*one sealed water bottle permitted, food for medical purposes permitted)*
* Laser or flashing lights
* Artificial noisemakers
* Backpacks (diaper bags with a child are permissible)
* Animals (except for assistive purposes)
* Banners/signs larger than 2'x3' (must reflect good sportsmanship, not be on a pole or affixed to facility)
* Cameras with lens wider than body
* Commercial grade audio/visual equipment
* Coolers (soft or hard sided)/cans/beverage containers and glass bottles and cans
* Items larger than 16"x18"x9"
* Weapons/firearms

**EVENT INFORMATION:**

* Volleyball:
	+ Often has a pep-band and Truman the tiger in attendance
	+ Matches are best of 3. The event is typically about 2 hours in length
* Gymnastics
	+ Music may be played and several events may be happening at the same time on the floor
	+ The event is typically about 2 hours in length
* Wrestling
	+ The sound level may fluctuate during the event
	+ The event is typically about 1 to 1.5 hours in length

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

* Parking on the West Entrance is recommended (small lot), early arrival may be necessary to access
* There are no guest services kiosks in Hearnes. Event staff members or ushers are available for assistance.
* The 3rd level (C Level) has private restrooms that can be locked. Ask event staff for assistance.
* Construction in and around the Hearnes Center will be occurring through 2017.
* First aid is available on the East side of the B Level (near section sign 25-29)
* Quiet areas for breaks from events can be found at the North ramp at the A Level and the south side of the A Level. Be aware that you cannot exit the Hearnes Center from the A Level.
* Louder areas of the center may be near sections A7 and A3 when there is a band (volleyball)
* Re-entry is often allowed at the Hearnes Center.
* Police Officers and Emergency Medical Technicians may be on site during games in case of emergency.

**SUPPORTS AND TOOLS:**

* Visual supports (social narrative, visual schedule, center map with designated areas of interest) are available at the University of Missouri Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders website: <https://thompsoncenter.missouri.edu/training/autism-friendly-business/>
* Noise blocking headphones are available for check out (Monday – Friday, 8:00-5:00 except holidays) at the University of Missouri Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders located at: 205 Portland Avenue, Columbia, MO 65201