

Dear Parents/Guardians & Students:

Southern Public Schools has finalized our home basketball competition protocols for winter contests. ***Please Note:*** These protocols may change as new guidance becomes available from the Nebraska Department of Education, the CDC, and other state or local public health agencies.

All spectators in attendance are expected to stay home if exhibiting any health symptoms that are associated with COVID-19 (Fever, cough, loss of taste & smell, etc.). Fans should arrive no earlier than necessary and leave immediately after each contest. No one will be allowed on the basketball court before, during, or after a contest. When attending contests away from Southern, we will be expected to abide by the protocols of the host schools. Make sure you know what the away protocols are before traveling there. In addition, we will post the host schools' protocols on our website and/or on our Facebook account before each away contest.

Failure to follow our safety protocols at Southern home basketball competitions can result in the removal of a person from a contest, the removal of a person from an entire sports season, or the removal of a person from all Southern activities for the 2020-2021 school year. In addition to the Directed Health Measure (DHM), the district will also be following the Nebraska School Activities Association (NSAA) guidelines based on the Public Health Solutions COVID-19 Risk Dial to determine if the district will ease restrictions or increase restrictions when it comes to the number spectators allowed at home basketball contests.

2020-2021 Home High School Basketball Game Protocols

- Everyone in attendance at home basketball contests will be required to wear face coverings
 - Exceptions will be made for children that are under the age of 5 or if a person is medically unable to wear a face covering
 - When spectators are eating or drinking at a contest, face covering can be taken off
- Fan attendance is limited to household members of participants only. Based on the DHM (25% of rated occupancy), there will be a limit of 2 household members per each participant (Basketball Teams & Cheerleading Squad)
 - If a student is both a basketball player and a cheerleader, they will still only be allowed 2 household members to attend home contests. The same holds true if a family has two siblings playing basketball or cheerleading, they will still only be allowed 2 household members to attend home contests.
 - Coaches will create pass lists (Household lists) and give them to the Athletic Director by noon on each Monday for the week
- All home basketball contests will be streamed over Hudl for the public to view online
- Household units are required to sit together at all home contests
 - Six (6) feet of separation is required between household units
 - Only every other row in the bleachers will be utilized for seating
- Face coverings will be required for all basketball players and cheerleaders when they are not active (Sitting on the bench, standing on the sideline, or in the locker room)
 - A basketball player who has just come off the court and needs to catch their breath, may wait to wear their face covering
 - As long as basketball players or cheerleaders are breathing normally, face coverings will be required

- All coaches will be required to wear face coverings at all times
- Coaches will be required to temperature check basketball players, cheerleaders, and student managers before all contests that occur when school is not in session (During a Saturday contest)
- A total of 75 away visitors will be allowed to attend home basketball contests at Southern
 - The 75 total includes all visiting basketball players, all visiting cheerleaders, & all household members
 - Pass lists for each away team will need to be submitted to our Athletic Director a day before the contest begins
- No soup suppers or tailgaters will be allowed at home contests

2020-2021 Home Junior High School Basketball Game Protocols

- Everyone in attendance at home basketball contests will be required to wear face coverings
 - Exceptions will be made for children that are under the age of 5 or if a person is medically unable to wear a face covering
 - When spectators are eating or drinking at a contest, face covering can be taken off
- Fan attendance is limited to household members of participants only. Based on the DHM (25% of rated occupancy), there will be a limit of 2 household members per each participant (Basketball Teams)
 - If a family has two siblings playing basketball, they will only be allowed 2 household members to attend home contests.
 - Coaches will create pass lists (Household lists) and give them to the Athletic Director by noon on each Monday for the week
- All home basketball contests will be streamed over Hudl for the public to view online
- Household units are required to sit together at all home contests
 - Six (6) feet of separation is required between household units
 - Only every other row in the bleachers will be utilized for seating
- Face coverings will be required for all basketball players and cheerleaders when they are not active (Sitting on the bench, standing on the sideline, or in the locker room)
 - A basketball player who has just come off the court and needs to catch their breath, may wait to wear their face covering
 - As long as basketball players or cheerleaders are breathing normally, face coverings will be required
- All coaches will be required to wear face coverings at all times
- Coaches will be required to temperature check basketball players, cheerleaders, and student managers before all contests that occur when school is not in session (During a Saturday contest)