

Please find below the protocols that I am recommending for the winter sports season for Sturgis Brown High School.

These protocols are to be separate from the Green, Orange and Red phases of the Back-to-School plan, and will be in place for all home events throughout the winter season.

Each activities COVID situation will be evaluated in determining the suspension of practices/cancellation of contests, etc.

If contests are cancelled, every effort will be made to reschedule the contest if there is a date that works for both schools.

Rationale for the changes in recommendations:

Number of cases going down in community as well as the schools

No mask mandates in the city or state

Other medicating protocols reducing the number of fans adequately.

## Protocols

- **Athlete Screening**
  - Coaches will use the SDHSAA screening questions and take temperatures of all athletes to screen. This will be done prior to each practice/game/trip
  - If athlete answers yes to a question, they will be sent home and must stay home for 72 hours symptom free or produce a negative COVID test.
  - If an athlete is considered a close contact as a result of a positive case in practice/training/competition, the athlete will be required to stay home for 72 hours from the last exposure to the positive case. After the 72 hours have passed, he/she can return to school and practice if showing no symptoms and agrees to wear a mask 100% of the time and get temperature checked in the morning and at lunchtime. (example: player A tests positive. Player B is deemed a close contact and the last time player B had contact with player A was on Wednesday. Player B would be required to stay home for 72 hours from Wednesday (or Thursday, Friday and Saturday) )
  
- **Admission**
  - **Activity attendance will be open to whomever would like to attend the games and we ask those who attend to sit with their family groups and social distance from other groups.**
    - **This protocol will continue to be under review and changes will be recommended if necessary.**
  - **All fans in attendance will be strongly encouraged to wear masks at all times.**
    - **Masks will be available for those who do not have them**
  - Fans will be asked to sit in designated areas in the gym depending on the event.
  
- **Bench Personnel**
  - All members of the teams not in the contest, to include coaches, managers, stats people, subs/on deck athletes, will be required to wear masks.

- Only individuals involved in the game being played/dual being wrestled will be allowed in the bench area.
- All event workers will be required to wear a mask.
- There will be hand sanitizing stations in the bench areas for bench personnel to use
- **Score Table**
  - Only home team score table personnel will be allowed at the score table.
  - Visiting team stats and book will be in a different location.
- **Sport Specific Protocols**
  - **Wrestling**
    - Scoopers will warm up in their wrestling room/visiting team on the mat
    - Face coverings are strongly encouraged for all bench personnel and even workers
    - No face offs – line ups to be announced during warm up period
    - No post-match hand shakes
    - Mats will be sanitized between duals in a tri or quad situation
  - **Basketball**
    - Game ball will be sanitized after each quarter
    - No post game hand-shakes
- **Live streaming will be available for all activities in the West Gym via our NFHS Network page (<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/sturgis-brown-high-school-sturgis-sd#>). I will work on having live streaming for**
- Meade Schools will follow the fan policies of all the schools on our schedules. That information will be shared on our social media platforms as well as the activities page on the website.
- MS activities will still allow fans with every other bleacher blocked off and immediate family only.