



NORTH NODAWAY R-VI SCHOOL

Home of the Mustangs

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Dear North Nodaway Parent(s)/Patron,

As Superintendent, I wanted to thank all of you for your patience and understanding as we have dealt with the COVID-19 virus thus far. I can't believe that we are a week away from completing our first quarter of school. In order to meet our goal of staying in school all year, we need everyone to remain flexible with processes and procedures that we are putting in place to keep our students, staff, and community as safe as possible. Overall we have remained pretty healthy as a community and we want that to continue especially with cold and flu seasons around the corner. The ramifications of being a positive case or being a contact have influenced me in making decisions that I never imagined making as an administrator.

The results from our recent survey were very interesting. We had 144 responses provided by students, staff, and parents and community members. It was obvious when looking at the data that 35 percent wanted us to take no additional precautions at this time while 65 percent wanted something done when looking at the other choices. Deciding what that "something" is has been a difficult decision. Other communities and school districts are struggling with this same situation. Many schools and conferences have cancelled or already placed restrictions on sporting events, band, and choir. Therefore, if you plan to attend events in other districts this winter, please check to find out their requirements and restrictions. In order to keep our students and spectators safe we have decided to do the following at the home junior high basketball games:

- 1) All spectators will wear a mask and sit in family groupings while in the building cheering on their respective team members.
- 2) Spectators who are not able to wear a mask for health reasons are encouraged to not attend and watch the game being live streamed on-line. If that doesn't work, please contact us at the school and we will make arrangements to find a safe place for you to watch the game.
- 3) Home team spectators will sit only on the home team side. While visitors will sit on the visitor side of the gym.
- 4) We ask that no one sit in the designated player area.
- 5) We encourage spectators to only come to the contest they are wanting to watch. Therefore additional warm up time will be given to allow people to clear the gym and those waiting on the boys contest to find a seat.
- 6) Food and drink will need to be consumed in the concession areas only where masks can be removed for that purpose.

We realize that making these guidelines aren't going to be popular with everyone but hopefully people will understand that we are trying to keep our students and community safe. We plan to re-evaluate this plan and these guidelines prior to the varsity season as county guidelines may change or the status of community spread may have changed in our area. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at (660)-778-3411.

Sincerely,

Chris Turpin
Superintendent
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