

Question: The University Interscholastic League (UIL) is allowing spectators to attend games within a 50% capacity limitation. How will that work at Alvord ISD home Football games and Volleyball matches?

Answer: We believe we can allow our fans to attend home football games and volleyball matches and comply with the UIL rules.

Football: the capacity at a football game isn't limited to seating in the stands. Many fans watch the game standing along the fence. The maximum seating capacity for our football stadium is 1820 fans. If we included the capacity to watch from other areas of the stadium that number is even greater. 50% of 1820 is 910; we don't sell 910 tickets to even our best attended games. We will be providing alternative seating for our band and the visiting team's band at home varsity football games, increasing the number of seats available in the stands for fans. We will also allow fans to bring lawn chairs and sit behind the track fence. The varsity football games will also be broadcast this year for those who cannot attend. We believe these measures will allow us to stay well within the 50% rule without limiting the number of fans who attend.

Volleyball: the seating capacity in the High School Gym is 913. 50% capacity is 456. We typically sell around 100 or fewer tickets to each volleyball match. We believe we can stay well within 50% capacity at all home volleyball matches without limiting the number of fans who attend.

Governor Abbot's order does require fans to wear face coverings. Groups should maintain at least six feet of distance from other groups at all times. A group is defined as no more than 10 people including the members of the household and those who traveled to the facility together.

If we see that we need to make adjustments to these plans we will. If the direction we receive from the state or the UIL changes we will also adjust our plans as needed.

Some of our volleyball and football opponents may restrict the number of visitors they allow depending on their facility capacity. In those cases we may be distributing tickets to fans traveling to away games and matches beforehand.

We have not developed a 50% capacity plan for basketball season yet. More information on that will be coming as we get closer to basketball season.

We are looking forward to great volleyball and football seasons and a great school year!