

COVID-19 Protocols for the Southeast regional Tournament 2021

Greetings JBQ family and welcome to Southeast regional!

This year has tested the Junior Bible Quiz community unlike any other. We are fortunate enough in the Southeast regional to continue with our regularly scheduled regional tournament. The fellowship and assembly of believers is absolutely crucial as the body of Christ. Our goal as the Southeast regional is to encourage this fellowship to the fullest extent possible while ensuring everyone's safety. Listed below are the safety protocols we have decided as a region, in cooperation with Evangel Church, to implement:

1. Face Coverings

The wearing of masks, face shields, or other face coverings are welcome, not required. This regulation includes all venues of the district tournament including, but not limited to, quiz rooms, general assembly room, dining areas, hallways, restrooms, etc. We encourage each person to make a decision that works best for them in accordance with CDC guidelines.

If your quizzier(s) chooses to compete with a face covering, please ensure they can be clearly understood when reciting answers. A face covering that impairs a quizzier's ability to clearly state answers may affect their individual and team score.

2. Temperature Checks

Each team should conduct their own temperature checks to ensure their team members (quizzers, coaches, parents, and officials) are healthy before reporting to the regional event. In accordance with CDC guidelines, team members should not attend the regional competition if their temperature is over 100.4 F. Exceptions include those with other noncommunicable illnesses that are protected under ADA laws.

3. Social Distancing

The Quiz Room.

- a) If possible, space should be provided between both teams and the officials when sitting at the buzzers.
- b) Quizzers and coaches should refrain from shaking hands at the end of the match. Fists bumps are acceptable.
- c) Teams will remain in their assigned quiz rooms until released by their hall monitor. This is to lessen hallway transition traffic.
- d) Audience members are asked to socially distance themselves while watching the quiz competitions. Please do not overcrowd a quiz room with audience members. If a quiz room is not suitable for social distancing, audience members should remain in the hallway so that the quizzers, coaches, and officials may use the full space of the room to socially distance.

The Sanctuary.

- a) Please sit with your team during the opening and closing ceremonies. This does not mean that you cannot visit with other churches prior to or after the ceremonies, but that you sit with your team when assembled together as a district for any extended length of time.

The Dining Area.

- a) Maintain distance while standing in line to receive your food. Refrain from crowding over serving or condiment areas.

b) There are indoor and outdoor (weather permitted) eating spaces for you and your team. Please Sit with your team while actively eating lunch.

4. Sanitation

Hand sanitizer (or use of a plastic baggy) is suggested upon entry to all quiz rooms. Room officials will also wipe down their paddles and respective areas of the table after the quiz match ends. We realize some quizzers have sensitivity issues with hand sanitizers.

5. Sickness

To respect the health and well-being of every JBQ member involved, please stay home if you are sick. This includes symptoms for COVID-19 as well as other contagious illnesses. Our goal is to keep everyone safe and healthy.

While we ask that everyone follow these guidelines to the fullest extent possible, we want to ensure as a district that everyone feels welcomed, accepted, and loved as members of the Christian community. Enforcement of these protocols will ultimately be the responsibility of your JBQ church coordinators. Even though you or members of your team may not agree with these protocols, please understand that these protocols enable everyone to participate in Junior Bible Quiz this season. If you have concerns, please address them with your league coordinator and refrain from addressing another church directly. Finally, please remember that we need to be respectful of every individual's right to privacy: asking individuals to disclose confidential medical information is prohibited and will not be tolerated. Personal accountability is what we want to achieve. Be safe, be smart!