

**MI SAFER SPORTS  
COVID-19  
TESTING  
PROGRAM**

**FEBRUARY  
2021**



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# SPORTS AND COVID-19

- Contact sports that can be played with a mask can proceed with contact practice and competition beginning Monday, Feb. 8.
- Where contact sports participants cannot remain masked, they must be tested consistent with the testing protocol specified in MDHHS’s Guidance for Athletics issued February 7, 2021.
- Non-contact sports where distancing can be maintained and a mask is not possible can continue with no changes.

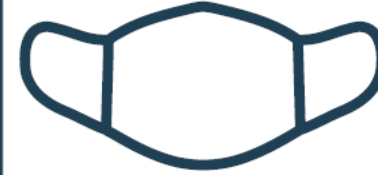
For more information about sports and COVID-19, visit [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus). Questions or concerns can be emailed to [COVID19@michigan.gov](mailto:COVID19@michigan.gov).



Indoor

Outdoor

Non-contact sports

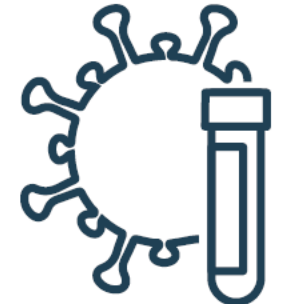


\*Where athletes are playing a non-contact sport outdoors and can consistently maintain social distance, a mask is not required.

Contact sports



Contact sports and cannot mask safely



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- Testing and early detection of cases is **one additional tool** to allow for contact sports
- MI Safer Sports will provide **free antigen tests** up to 3x/week/team for use in the 24 hours before unmasked practice or play to **student-athletes** ages 13+ **in contact sports where masks cannot be safely worn** (e.g. wrestling)

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MDHHS will be working with Michigan's Intermediate School Districts to provide free tests to teams of eligible student-athletes

MDHHS will **NOT** provide free tests to:

- Teams of athletes who are primarily under age 13 or over age 19
- Teams that are in private/club leagues (only school sanctioned leagues)
- Teams in non-contact sports
- Teams engaging in practice outside the regular season

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**Sports organizations/leagues** who set rules for sports safety who believe their sport meets the determination of unsafe for masked play but is not explicitly named in the MDHHS Guidance for Athletics should contact MDHHS for information on obtaining free antigen tests.

- Interested teams or players should contact their governing organizations/leagues to inquire about testing
- MDHHS will **NOT** be providing tests to individual teams or players

Nasal Swab  
NOT an NP!

Fact Sheet  
for Patients



# What the test looks like



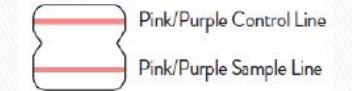
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### Negative Result



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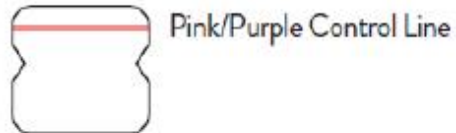
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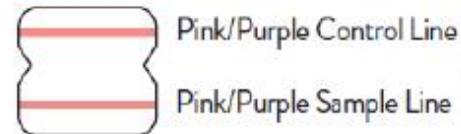
# Interpreting Results and Reporting

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## Positive Result



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What the  
test looks  
like

# **MHSAA Fall 2020 Championship Pilot – What did we learn?**

- 7,000 participants in 200 schools**
- Testing of up to 80 people per hr (4 staff)**
- >99% of tests were negative**
- Testing revealed 70 COVID + participants**



# MI Safer Sports Testing Program

## Steps to participate



### Step 1

#### Engage important community members

- Attend, share, and view recordings of the MDHHS webinars
- Send emails to important stakeholders
- Send letters to community members
- Connect with your school district and Intermediate School District (ISD)

### Step 2

#### Identify points of contact

- For each team
- For each school

### Step 3

#### Training

- Attend or watch the recording of the live MDHHS training sessions
- View the BinaxNOW online training videos [here](#) and [here](#)
- Attend MDHHS office with questions
- Review [MDHHS Interim Guidance for Athletics](#)

#### Identify “testing team”

- Staff to perform tests
- Staff to complete result reporting

### Step 4

#### Plan for testing

- PPE gathered ([CDC GUIDELINES](#))
- Secure a space
- Have a plan for [waste disposal](#)
- Test result reporting
  - [Report test results](#) after each round of testing
  - [Reorder rapid antigen tests](#) weekly

### Step 5

#### Plan for testing positive and outbreak management

Negative antigen test → OK to play → Continue with testing protocol

Positive antigen test → Cannot compete → Send home ASAP. Follow up with PCR\*

Symptoms → Cannot compete → Send home ASAP. Follow up with PCR\*

Close contact → Cannot compete → Send home. Follow quarantine guidance

\*Schools are not responsible for obtaining PCR tests; Follow up with doctor/urgent care/drive up PCR testing

### Step 6

#### Consent

- Finalize consent forms
- Obtain consent from participants
- Participant code of conduct

### Step 7

#### Enroll

- Each school needs to fill out the [enrollment survey](#).

# Step 1. Engagement with affected stakeholders

- Email, webinar, letter etc.
  - Student-athletes
  - Parents
  - Coaches
  - School nurses

## Step 2. Identify points of contact & apply for waiver, if needed



For each school



For each team

\*Any site where antigen testing is being performed requires a CLIA waiver by law.

All Michigan public schools and members of Michigan Association of Non-public Schools have a CLIA waiver to perform rapid antigen testing at their school sites. All other schools require a CLIA waiver to perform testing.

## Step 3. Staff training videos

01

Watch MDHHS training series and review links

02

Watch videos on test administration

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Attend MDHHS office hours if questions

**\*Identify staff to perform tests and staff to perform data entry**

## Step 4. Plan for specimen collection:



### PPE (CDC GUIDELINES)

Surgical masks

Gloves

Eye protection:  
face shield or  
goggles

Disposable Coat or  
Gown



Do you have a space to  
conduct the tests?



Do you have biohazard  
bags?

Step 5.  
Plan for those  
testing  
positive and  
for outbreak  
management

## Positive participant

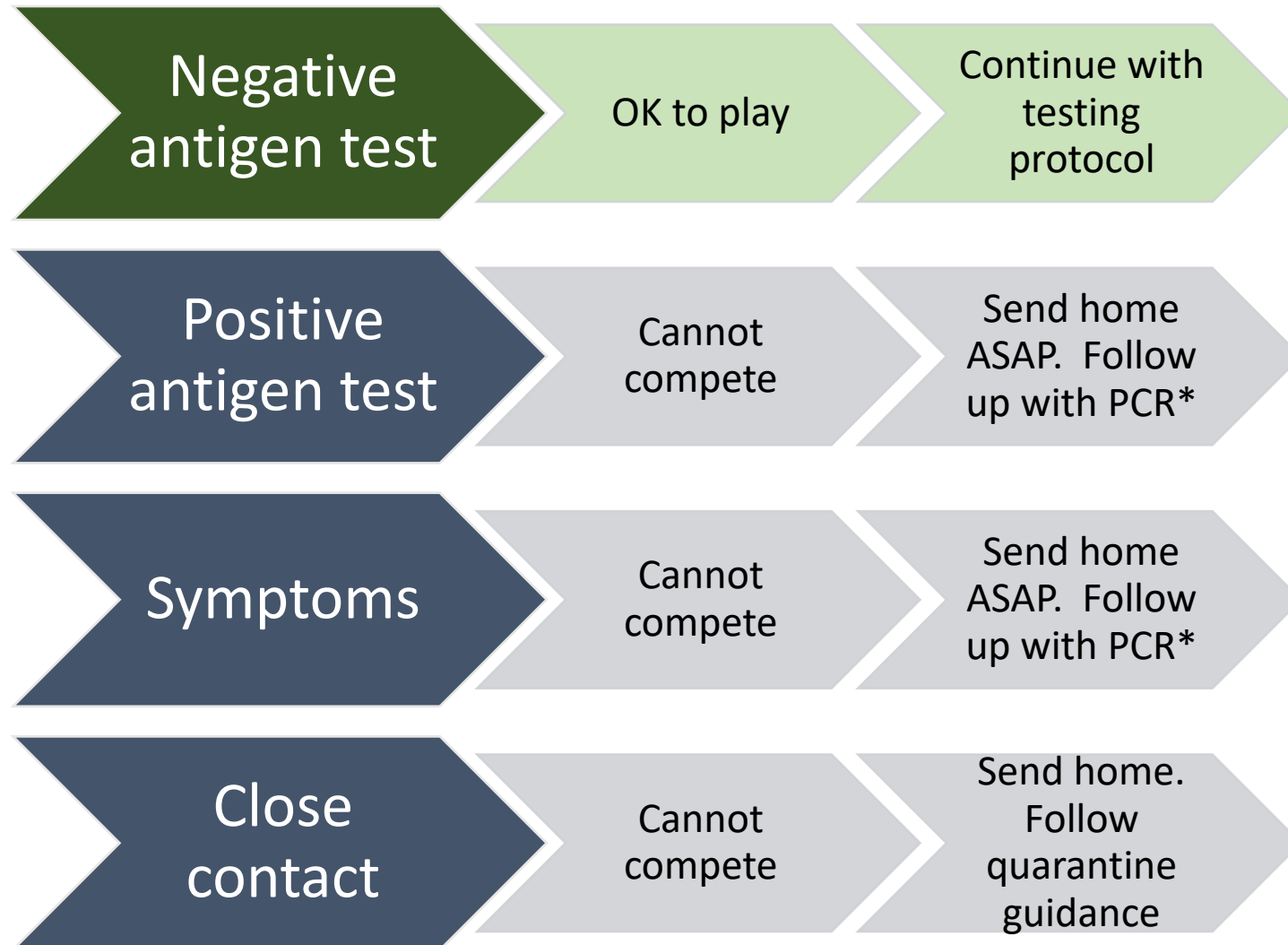
- Send home
- Follow up with doctor/urgent care/drive up PCR testing

## Outbreak

- Work with your LHD

# Testing Scenarios

**\*Schools are not responsible for obtaining PCR tests**





# Step 6. Finalize consent forms & code of conduct

Participant First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Please carefully read the following informed consent, which is required to participate in organized sports, as stated in the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' ("MDHHS") "Gatherings and Face Mask Order" dated December 18, 2020, until further order or direction from the MDHHS.

Please carefully read the following notice and sign the authorization to test for COVID-19.

1. I understand that the COVID-19 testing will be conducted three times per week through a BinaxNOW antigen test, or other acceptable test as ordered by an authorized medical provider or a public health official.
2. I understand that my ability to receive testing is limited to the availability of test supplies.
3. I understand that I am not creating a patient relationship with the ordering physician by participating in this testing. I understand the entity or individual performing the test may be a school administrator or coach, and is not acting as my medical provider. Testing does not replace treatment by my medical provider. I assume complete and full responsibility to take appropriate action with regards to my test results and my medical care. I agree I will seek medical advice, care, and treatment from my medical provider or other health care entity if I have questions or concerns, if I develop symptoms of COVID- 19, or if my condition worsens.
4. I understand it is my responsibility to inform my health care provider of a positive test result, and that a copy will not be sent to my health care provider for me.
5. I understand that my antigen test result will be available in 15-30 minutes. If the result is positive, it will need to be confirmed with a polymerase chain reaction ("PCR") test before participation in organized sports will be approved.
6. I understand and acknowledge that a positive antigen test result is an indication that I need to self-isolate to avoid infecting others until I obtain a negative PCR test result.
7. I have been informed of the test purpose, procedures, and potential risks and benefits. I will have the opportunity to ask questions before proceeding with a COVID-19 diagnostic test at the testing site. I understand that if I do not wish to continue with the COVID-19 diagnostic test, I may decline to test. If I decline to test, I may not participate in athletic practice or competition.
8. I understand that to ensure public health and safety and to control the spread of COVID-19, my test results, which will be retained by an appropriate schools administrator, may be shared with third parties, including the appropriate health authorities as required by law, and I hereby consent to the same under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA") and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA").
9. I understand, acknowledge, assume, and accept any and all risks of injury and illness associated with participating in the pilot testing program and any related practices and competitions.
10. I understand that I may withdraw my consent to participate in testing at any time, and that doing so will forfeit my ability to participate in the pilot program and athletic practice or competition.

#### AUTHORIZATION/CONSENT TO TEST FOR COVID-19

I agree to undergo the COVID-19 antigen testing for the duration of the fall athletics testing pilot period/ authorize myself (or my minor child) to undergo testing.

\*This plan is HIPAA and FERPA compliant. Work with district lawyers



# Step 7. Submit enrollment form online

Need:

- Completed Steps 1-6
- All participant consent forms & codes of conduct signed
- School agreement signed

Go to [www.Michigan.gov/sportsCOVIDinfo](http://www.Michigan.gov/sportsCOVIDinfo) to submit enrollment survey

# After a school submits the enrollment survey...

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1. Completed enrollment survey is sent to MDHHS.
2. MDHHS communicates test supply needs and team contact information to ISDs for each school/team and ships any additional tests needed to ISDs.
3. ISDs will be distributing tests to each district/school.

# MDHHS Training Series and Office Hours

1. **February 10, 2021 (2-3pm):** [Teams Live Event: Introductory Webinar](#)
2. **February 11, 2021 (11am - 12pm):** [Teams Live Event: BinaxNOW Training](#)
3. **February 12, 2021 (11am - 12pm):** [Teams Live Event: Reporting and Reordering](#)
4. **Fridays in February (2-2:30pm):** Office Hours: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

All events in the series are online and linked at [www.Michigan.gov/sportsCOVIDinfo](http://www.Michigan.gov/sportsCOVIDinfo). MDHHS plans to hold more office hours through February and will add more office hours as needed.

# Questions?

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