

**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.

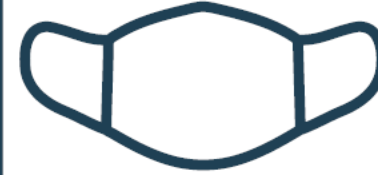
For more information about sports and COVID-19, visit Michigan.gov/Coronavirus. Questions or concerns can be emailed to COVID19@michigan.gov.



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



MI Safer Sports COVID-19 Testing Program

- Testing and early detection of cases is **one additional tool** to allow for contact sports
- MI Safer Sports will provide **free antigen tests** to **student-athletes** ages 13+ **in contact sports**

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- In contact sports where **masks cannot be safely worn** (e.g. wrestling) and **testing is mandatory**, MDHHS can supply 3x/person/week testing for use in the 24 hours before unmasked practice or play
- In other contact sports where **masks can and must be safely worn** (e.g. basketball, ice hockey) and **testing is optional**, MDHHS can supply 1x/person/week testing
- Testing is especially recommended before any inter-team competition, before athletes come into close contact with other athletes from outside the local community

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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

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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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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 (ISDs)

Step 2

Identify points of contact

- For each district
- For each school building

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](#).

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Our ask to ISDs:

MDHHS is asking Michigan's intermediate school districts' help in distributing tests to teams of eligible student-athletes

Steps for ISDs:

1. School completes enrollment steps and submits enrollment survey to MDHHS.
2. MDHHS communicates test supply needs and team contact information to ISDs for each school/team.
3. **ISDs work with each school to arrange distribution of tests.**

MDHHS Training Series and Office Hours for Schools and Teams

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. MDHHS plans to hold more office hours through February and will add more office hours as needed.

Questions?

www.Michigan.gov/sportsCOVIDinfo

Send any questions our way:

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