



To: MIAA Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors
From: Tara Bennett, MIAA Director of Communications
Re: Governor Baker's Phase IV Step 1 Announcement
Date: March 22, 2021

Effective March 22, 2021, the state of Massachusetts will move into Phase IV Step 1. In accordance with updated guidelines from the MA Energy and environmental Affairs (EEA), this move will impact high school sports in the following manner:

- **Travel:**
 - The MA travel order is now considered a travel advisory
 - Out-of-State travel restrictions have been amended to include anyone who is returning to Massachusetts after an absence of fewer than 24 hours is not required to be tested.
- **Locker Room:**
 - Locker room facilities are open to 50% capacity with the following guidelines: six feet social distancing, face coverings, no congregating of participants in the locker room is allowed, adult coaches or other staff must ensure youth participants are complying with guidelines.
- **Facility Capacity and Spectators:**
 - Indoor facilities must limit capacity to no more than 50% of the building's maximum permitted occupancy.
 - The cap of two adults and siblings per participant attending has been lifted, however, capacity guidelines must be followed. The expectation of six feet social distance and wearing masks remains.
- **Facial Coverings:**
 - Facial coverings remain a requirement for participants, spectators and chaperones, coaches, staff, referees, umpires, and other officials.

You may find the updated EEA guidelines [HERE](#). The EEA safety guidelines provides assistance to our member schools when collaborating and communicating with their local Board of Health and district administration. Ultimately, the decision to participate in sports and to follow more stringent modifications remains at the local level.

Please visit the MIAA COVID-19 web page [HERE](#) for additional information. Please reach out to the Association with questions.

