



MASSACHUSETTS INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



To: MIAA Superintendents, Principals and Athletic Directors
From: Tara Bennett, MIAA Director of Communications
Re: May 10, 2021 Updated MA EEA Guidelines
Date: May 11, 2021

The MA Energy and Environmental Affairs Office (EEA) provided an update to the WORKPLACE SAFETY and REOPENING STANDARDS FOR BUSINESSES and OTHER ENTITIES PROVIDING YOUTH and ADULT AMATEUR SPORTS ACTIVITIES, Phase IV Step 1.

Below are highlights from the most recent EEA guidance as they relate to high schools sports:

- All risk level of sports will be permitted to participate in tournaments.
- Mandatory facial coverings for all sports during active play except for low or moderate risk sports when outdoors where social distancing can be consistently maintained. ***This update will be reviewed using the MIAA governance process before implementation.***
- Participants for all sports must wear facial coverings on the bench, sidelines, start/finish lines at all times and in any huddles or time-outs from active play.
- No change to indoor spectator capacity limits. The capacity remains at no more than 50% of the facility's maximum permitted occupancy up to a maximum capacity of 500.
- There are no limitations on transportation out-of-state. Masks should be worn when travel extends beyond family members.
- Contact tracing is required with information available upon request by state officials, local boards of health or their authorized agents.

MIAA sport modifications are expected to be followed. As part of the MIAA governance process, a review of the updated EEA mask guideline by the Sports Medicine Committee is scheduled for later this week.

As has been the case throughout the year, the decision for a school to partake in a particular sport, as well as and their spectator and mask guidelines (in alignment with MIAA guidelines), are decided at the local level.

Additional Resources:

[EEA Guidelines May 10, 2021](#)

[Massachusetts Department of Public Health Guidance](#)

[MIAA COVID-19 Task Force Page](#)

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